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ABSTRACT

This Kids Count data book provides information on indicators of the well-being of Arkansas' children. The report's introduction discusses factors contributing to increased attention to children and families, the need for broad-based community collaborations to address children and family needs, and cultural changes influencing families. Data tables list demographic information and findings for 28 indicators of child well-being for 1990 and for the most recent year available. Indicators include: (1) teen arrest rates; (2) teen violent death rate; (3) child maltreatment rate; (4) foster care rate; (5) Aid to Families with Dependent Children participation; (6) food stamp participation; (7) school lunch program participation; (8) Women, Infants Children Supplemental Food Program participation; (9) births to women with less than 12 years education; (10) per capita income; (11) unemployment rate; (12) child support cases; (13) low birth weight rate; (14) percent mothers receiving no first trimester prenatal care; (15) teen birth rate; (16) infant mortality rate; (17) child death rate; (18) immunization rate; (19) children served by mental health system; (20) children in preschools for educationally deprived children; (21) children enrolled in Head Start; (22) special education students; (23) per pupil expenditures;

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(24) seniors taking ACT examination; and (25) dropout rate. Indicator definitions and data sources are appended. (KB)

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Welcome to the *Arkansas Kids Count Data Book 1997*! The changes in this year's format are due to a critical lack of funding for the publication of this book. Initially, the book was not going to be available this year; however, realizing the great need many of you in the state have for this resource, the format was modified to provide the most recent year's data along with the data from 1990. Most of you have the 1996 Kids Count book with the errata sheets, so trend data are available by combining the information from last year's book with this book. For those who do not have the *Arkansas Kids Count Data Book 1996*, copies are still available at $25 per copy.

Introduction

Change is upon us....

Much attention is being focused on children and families this year due to a variety of factors, some of which include changes in the welfare laws; children killing children; the connection between healthy children and education; educational test scores of children in public schools; the lack of adequate housing; and the shortage of good, productive jobs in many communities.

The issues which need to be addressed as a result of these factors are: the short- and long-term impact of welfare reform on children and their families; the impact of the current juvenile justice system on children and their families; the health needs of children; education concerns for both our young people and the adult population; the availability of quality, but affordable housing for families; and employment opportunities for children and their families which lead to economic self-sufficiency.

These issues are extremely complex and interrelated and concern all citizens of Arkansas and the nation. One way which provides hope for finding answers to these very complex questions is through broadbased community collaboratives in each and every county in our state. Each community must be concerned with every child and family who live there. Each child and family must be important to everyone. This responsibility must be a priority, along with and just as important as bringing in new jobs, attracting tourists, and building parks. There are no sure and fast methods of determining which children and families will be at risk and need assistance. Systems, therefore, should be developed to address the needs of all children and their families in the community. Persons in a collaborative must think, form new strategies, and implement change in different and better ways to provide for their children and families.

A community collaborative must include citizens from every walk of life, including the business sector, health sector, human service sector, nonprofits which provide services, churches, local governments, members of identifiable families who are in need of services, the education system, police agencies, and the court system. Without this broadbased effort, the community will not attract new businesses or new citizens, and there will be a reduction in the working age population.

The information contained in the *Arkansas Kids Count Data Book 1997* provides some initial data that can prove useful to communities interested in learning the extent of their challenges and opportunities. Other information can be found in the local area through governmental agencies (federal, state, and local), from educational institutions, and through resource books usually found in the various libraries in and near the community.

Children are the future....

Years ago, violence existed only in the large cities. Families normally consisted of two parents, only one of whom worked. In 1960, according to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, 87.8 percent of all families in Arkansas were two-parent families. Children were loved and nurtured by their parents, the church, the school, and the community. The extended family was close and

there were numerous heroes and good role models for children to emulate. Together, families watched *Leave It To Beaver*, *Ozzie and Harriet*, the *Wonderful World of Disney*, and other family shows, listened to music on the radio or phonograph, ate dinner, went to ball games and other sports events, and attended church. There was a strong sense of family unity.

Today is another story. Two-parent families represent a smaller percentage of all families. By 1990, 80.9 percent of all families were two-parent families, a drop of 6.9 percent since 1960. There were approximately 444,000 children under 18 years of age living in two-parent families in 1990 and 63.6 percent of those were in families where both parents worked. Children often turn to peers for nurturing and love and far less to parents, churches, schools, and the community. Due primarily to the media's intense scrutiny of public figures, there are few heroes or role models for children to imitate. Families do less together today because of busy schedules. There is not the same sense of family unity there once was.

The community must come together to help families provide what children need to be successful adults, thereby becoming the leaders of tomorrow for our cities, counties, state, and nation.

Strong families must be preserved....

For our children to succeed, they need strong, nurturing families to support them every day. For families to provide this nurturing support, they must have sufficient incomes, education, health, and good parenting skills. Parents should not have to work two or three jobs in order to provide the necessities for their children. Working more than one job means little or no time with the children. With both parents working more than one job, when do they nurture their children?

Education is the key to parents having a sufficient income requiring only one job with quality health care provided. In the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s, someone with a high school education and a strong work ethic could find a blue collar job which provided a livable wage and fringe benefits, including health insurance. Since the 1980s, with the explosion in advancements in technology, only those with advanced degrees can hope to provide for their families. Forty percent of parents in working-poor families are high school dropouts and another 35 percent have no education or specialized training beyond high school. The children of these parents have bleak futures with little chance of nurturing.

The circumstances of children in working-poor families are better than those from families where neither parent works full-time. There is more income, the family has a better chance of moving out of poverty, and the children have a role model of an employed parent. However, there are still many disadvantages to living in a working-poor family. The children normally do not have public or private health insurance (although Arkansas has done much to alleviate this through the ARKids 1st program). Often parents do not spend adequate quality time with their children, and sufficient preschool and day care needs are not provided.

A strong lifelong education system must be in place to prepare all our citizens for today and for tomorrow's world. All citizens must be able to read and move beyond high school to post secondary education. This will enhance their ability to provide an adequate income for their families, access to health care, time to acquire the kind of parenting skills needed, and the time to nurture their children.

This is the responsibility of every citizen in each community across Arkansas. We owe this to our children. Every child looks to each adult in the community for the keys to their future. Do they deserve any less than the best we can provide? We should not ignore any child's plea for our help in the struggle to have the best that life offers. Is there any child less deserving than one of your own children?

Every Week in Arkansas....

173	Babies are born to mothers with late or no prenatal care.
52	Teen mothers 10-17 years of age have babies.
59	Babies are born at low birthweight.
6	Babies die during the first year of life.
2	Children 15-17years of age die from violence.
3	Children 1-14 years of age die from various causes.
178	Children are victims of abuse or neglect.
13	Children 15-17 years of age are arrested for violent crimes.
81	Children 15-17 years of age are arrested for property crimes.
46	Children 15-17 years of age are arrested for alcohol/drug related crimes.
104	Children are in foster care.
123	Children drop out of school.

DATA TABLES

Demographics of Children *(1990 and Most Recent Year)*

County	Total Population		Population Under 18		Minority Population Under 18	
	1990	1996	1990	1996	1990	1996
ARKANSAS	21,653	21,039	5,960	5,593	1,831	1,836
ASHLEY	24,319	24,540	6,869	6,667	2,414	2,397
BAXTER	31,186	36,366	6,076	6,709	49	48
BENTON	97,499	125,958	24,330	30,418	696	828
BOONE	28,297	31,900	7,037	7,619	66	68
BRADLEY	11,793	11,613	3,068	2,969	1,253	1,322
CALHOUN	5,826	5,729	1,569	1,675	478	469
CARROLL	18,654	22,490	4,527	5,307	52	61
CHICOT	15,713	15,132	5,103	4,653	3,457	3,290
CLARK	21,437	22,091	4,804	5,500	1,525	1,876
CLAY	18,107	17,586	4,182	4,232	21	22
CLEBURNE	19,411	22,436	4,228	4,658	27	27
CLEVELAND	7,781	8,342	2,051	2,177	367	405
COLUMBIA	25,691	25,459	6,779	6,980	3,052	3,227
CONWAY	19,151	19,886	5,224	5,234	1,008	1,053
CRAIGHEAD	68,956	76,160	17,111	19,925	1,380	2,373
CRAWFORD	42,493	49,071	12,391	13,676	526	711
CRITTENDEN	49,939	49,594	15,978	15,336	8,618	8,197
CROSS	19,225	19,350	5,836	5,458	1,982	1,860
DALLAS	9,614	9,358	2,566	2,380	1,203	1,157
DESHA	16,798	15,516	5,336	4,693	2,816	2,514
DREW	17,369	17,854	4,835	5,023	1,660	1,777
FAULKNER	60,006	73,922	15,402	20,530	1,569	2,676
FRANKLIN	14,897	16,437	3,930	4,059	60	37
FULTON	10,037	10,692	2,363	2,423	8	3
GARLAND	73,397	82,040	15,901	16,889	2,097	2,295
GRANT	13,948	15,462	3,757	4,069	124	140
GREENE	31,804	35,027	8,044	8,633	33	33
HEMPSTEAD	21,621	22,066	5,995	6,057	2,222	2,301
HOT SPRING	26,115	28,254	6,775	7,057	1,022	1,096
HOWARD	13,569	13,890	3,765	3,669	1,120	1,259
INDEPENDENCE	31,192	32,988	8,225	8,330	260	301
IZARD	11,364	12,785	2,453	2,728	36	36
JACKSON	18,944	18,472	4,860	4,491	1,053	1,042
JEFFERSON	85,487	82,996	24,317	23,268	13,050	13,283
JOHNSON	18,221	20,902	4,514	5,027	166	219
LAFAYETTE	9,643	9,222	2,681	2,449	1,278	1,125
LAWRENCE	17,457	17,419	4,312	4,149	59	65
LEE	13,053	12,808	4,401	4,019	3,047	2,870
LINCOLN	13,690	14,311	3,192	3,011	1,345	1,221
LITTLE RIVER	13,966	13,333	3,953	3,607	1,083	932
LOGAN	20,557	21,181	5,580	5,416	137	131
LONOKE	39,268	47,586	11,602	13,494	1,388	1,369
MADISON	11,618	13,087	3,119	3,325	59	59
MARION	12,001	14,290	2,635	2,853	20	26
MILLER	38,467	38,933	10,998	10,698	3,258	3,192
MISSISSIPPI	57,525	50,606	18,028	14,992	6,933	5,872
MONROE	11,333	10,372	3,365	2,883	1,729	1,441
MONTGOMERY	7,841	8,444	1,805	1,902	33	37
NEVADA	10,101	10,073	2,758	2,672	1,073	1,057
NEWTON	7,666	7,972	2,148	2,072	26	29
OUACHITA	30,574	28,380	8,275	7,334	3,574	3,160
PERRY	7,969	9,304	2,031	2,135	53	53
PHILLIPS	28,838	27,918	9,921	8,977	6,633	6,088
PIKE	10,086	10,472	2,635	2,602	171	168
POINSETT	24,664	24,716	6,594	6,347	689	686
POLK	17,347	19,324	4,475	4,667	74	81
POPE	45,883	51,312	12,118	13,473	540	677
PRAIRIE	9,518	9,249	2,476	2,343	508	516
PULASKI	349,660	352,299	92,207	90,192	35,270	35,495
RANDOLPH	16,558	17,730	4,269	4,368	66	62
ST. FRANCIS	28,497	28,358	9,432	8,720	5,631	5,280
SALINE	64,183	74,555	17,580	20,218	607	707
SCOTT	10,205	10,780	2,613	2,796	69	68
SEARCY	7,841	7,725	1,918	1,819	29	33
SEBASTIAN	99,590	105,835	26,122	26,961	3,826	4,809
SEVIER	13,637	14,752	3,577	3,828	344	601
SHARP	14,109	16,460	3,067	3,287	78	69
STONE	9,775	10,869	2,373	2,452	31	36
UNION	46,719	46,051	12,862	12,384	5,033	5,064
VAN BUREN	14,008	15,310	3,144	3,232	44	45
WASHINGTON	113,409	134,987	28,199	34,766	1,177	2,246
WHITE	54,676	61,949	13,758	15,745	612	813
WOODRUFF	9,520	9,206	2,750	2,515	1,134	1,073
YELL	17,759	18,996	4,571	4,854	182	188
State Totals	2,350,725	2,509,577	623,705	647,669	145,144	147,683

Demographics of Children *(1990 and Most Recent Year)*

County	% Children in Poverty 1990	1993	% Children in Married Couple Families 1990	% Children in Single Mother Families 1990	% Children in Single Father Families 1990
ARKANSAS	26.7%	26.4%	69.4%	18.4%	3.4%
ASHLEY	28.3%	28.2%	67.1%	16.0%	4.3%
BAXTER	28.8%	24.8%	77.2%	14.7%	3.0%
BENTON	13.2%	13.8%	81.6%	10.3%	2.9%
BOONE	15.5%	18.6%	81.1%	11.5%	2.9%
BRADLEY	34.3%	31.4%	62.8%	19.4%	5.1%
CALHOUN	14.7%	21.0%	76.9%	14.9%	0.8%
CARROLL	21.1%	19.7%	75.2%	16.1%	3.3%
CHICOT	54.4%	49.0%	40.2%	44.5%	1.8%
CLARK	30.5%	25.9%	67.8%	19.7%	1.5%
CLAY	22.1%	24.5%	79.2%	9.7%	4.3%
CLEBURNE	23.6%	23.4%	78.0%	13.3%	3.7%
CLEVELAND	22.2%	21.5%	77.9%	10.6%	2.5%
COLUMBIA	31.2%	30.9%	64.0%	23.5%	2.5%
CONWAY	20.2%	24.2%	74.4%	13.5%	3.9%
CRAIGHEAD	20.6%	22.4%	75.1%	15.8%	2.6%
CRAWFORD	21.6%	23.6%	77.4%	15.1%	1.6%
CRITTENDEN	38.0%	37.0%	55.7%	27.7%	2.4%
CROSS	31.4%	32.2%	67.7%	18.9%	3.1%
DALLAS	30.5%	27.7%	67.2%	15.7%	3.4%
DESHA	45.3%	40.2%	57.1%	27.3%	2.6%
DREW	31.8%	26.6%	67.1%	21.6%	2.8%
FAULKNER	13.6%	14.7%	77.1%	13.6%	2.7%
FRANKLIN	23.5%	20.0%	76.3%	12.3%	3.7%
FULTON	31.9%	33.2%	76.1%	11.5%	2.8%
GARLAND	25.9%	27.2%	69.3%	19.5%	2.9%
GRANT	16.3%	16.5%	84.2%	9.2%	1.9%
GREENE	22.8%	22.2%	76.4%	13.8%	3.5%
HEMPSTEAD	27.7%	29.7%	65.7%	21.8%	3.2%
HOT SPRING	21.6%	24.3%	74.7%	16.0%	2.0%
HOWARD	23.7%	21.9%	15.8%	17.9%	2.2%
INDEPENDENCE	19.4%	20.8%	78.9%	12.8%	2.7%
IZARD	29.3%	28.9%	79.0%	12.6%	2.9%
JACKSON	33.8%	32.7%	68.9%	19.3%	2.1%
JEFFERSON	32.0%	35.2%	59.2%	24.6%	2.9%
JOHNSON	27.1%	24.1%	75.2%	14.6%	2.9%
LAFAYETTE	45.6%	39.1%	62.9%	20.4%	2.5%
LAWRENCE	29.0%	30.4%	80.6%	13.5%	1.7%
LEE	64.3%	58.3%	48.0%	34.6%	6.0%
LINCOLN	31.6%	30.9%	66.4%	18.4%	3.4%
LITTLE RIVER	26.3%	24.6%	66.4%	18.2%	2.2%
LOGAN	24.7%	24.4%	73.7%	15.0%	1.9%
LONOKE	18.1%	18.7%	77.8%	12.6%	2.9%
MADISON	24.7%	21.8%	82.5%	9.5%	1.7%
MARION	25.1%	26.3%	76.5%	13.6%	3.4%
MILLER	30.5%	31.2%	65.5%	24.1%	2.9%
MISSISSIPPI	35.5%	35.5%	63.4%	24.2%	2.5%
MONROE	47.4%	42.2%	56.2%	27.6%	3.2%
MONTGOMERY	32.2%	31.9%	79.1%	13.0%	4.3%
NEVADA	26.3%	25.0%	69.0%	19.3%	2.2%
NEWTON	37.0%	33.3%	84.4%	8.5%	3.0%
OUACHITA	27.9%	28.8%	67.7%	19.1%	3.0%
PERRY	26.9%	21.7%	79.3%	10.5%	1.2%
PHILLIPS	57.7%	55.1%	45.4%	36.1%	2.9%
PIKE	18.9%	20.8%	81.8%	7.8%	4.6%
POINSETT	33.1%	36.0%	69.6%	17.2%	3.2%
POLK	23.0%	27.3%	79.6%	10.3%	2.6%
POPE	17.7%	20.0%	81.7%	12.1%	2.9%
PRAIRIE	25.7%	25.2%	73.3%	14.7%	2.5%
PULASKI	20.1%	25.1%	66.0%	23.1%	2.7%
RANDOLPH	22.1%	27.2%	79.2%	9.1%	4.0%
ST. FRANCIS	48.7%	46.4%	53.9%	31.8%	2.7%
SALINE	12.5%	13.8%	81.3%	11.3%	1.4%
SCOTT	27.0%	26.6%	83.4%	10.4%	1.4%
SEARCY	36.4%	34.7%	80.5%	7.5%	3.0%
SEBASTIAN	17.2%	21.0%	76.3%	15.2%	3.1%
SEVIER	24.6%	24.9%	81.5%	11.0%	2.4%
SHARP	31.1%	29.5%	78.2%	13.9%	2.4%
STONE	35.5%	32.7%	79.7%	13.3%	1.9%
UNION	29.2%	26.2%	65.1%	21.2%	2.8%
VAN BUREN	30.5%	31.5%	78.4%	11.3%	1.8%
WASHINGTON	16.2%	17.9%	78.0%	13.8%	2.9%
WHITE	21.7%	22.4%	78.8%	13.5%	2.3%
WOODRUFF	45.0%	41.3%	55.3%	29.3%	4.0%
YELL	19.2%	21.6%	73.6%	15.3%	3.3%
State Totals	25.3%	26.0%	70.7%	18.0%	2.8%

Demographics of Children *(Most Recent Year)*

County	% Pop. 18 to 24, High School Grad. or Higher 1990	% Pop. 25+, High School Grad. Or Higher 1990
ARKANSAS	72.8%	61.1%
ASHLEY	67.0%	62.8%
BAXTER	67.3%	67.9%
BENTON	74.4%	74.8%
BOONE	73.9%	67.6%
BRADLEY	65.8%	56.1%
CALHOUN	69.2%	63.3%
CARROLL	74.2%	68.4%
CHICOT	61.1%	51.2%
CLARK	88.1%	64.9%
CLAY	59.8%	47.9%
CLEBURNE	72.3%	61.0%
CLEVELAND	75.6%	59.9%
COLUMBIA	80.9%	64.3%
CONWAY	76.2%	64.5%
CRAIGHEAD	84.0%	67.5%
CRAWFORD	70.3%	63.8%
CRITTENDEN	65.4%	57.6%
CROSS	71.5%	55.8%
DALLAS	70.4%	59.2%
DESHA	67.5%	56.5%
DREW	81.4%	63.1%
FAULKNER	85.8%	72.4%
FRANKLIN	61.8%	60.1%
FULTON	77.0%	54.9%
GARLAND	75.0%	70.2%
GRANT	72.3%	68.9%
GREENE	70.0%	58.5%
HEMPSTEAD	69.1%	62.0%
HOT SPRING	73.9%	64.5%
HOWARD	70.2%	61.8%
INDEPENDENCE	77.5%	63.1%
IZARD	67.8%	61.1%
JACKSON	71.5%	51.6%
JEFFERSON	71.4%	65.9%
JOHNSON	74.9%	63.3%
LAFAYETTE	67.3%	51.6%
LAWRENCE	69.8%	53.3%
LEE	60.1%	44.2%
LINCOLN	55.7%	58.5%
LITTLE RIVER	76.0%	64.1%
LOGAN	74.7%	58.1%
LONOKE	68.8%	67.1%
MADISON	69.9%	59.6%
MARION	63.6%	64.2%
MILLER	64.9%	63.9%
MISSISSIPPI	69.9%	60.0%
MONROE	67.1%	52.9%
MONTGOMERY	63.5%	60.1%
NEVADA	66.5%	60.6%
NEWTON	66.3%	58.1%
OUACHITA	70.3%	64.8%
PERRY	63.9%	61.1%
PHILLIPS	61.6%	51.5%
PIKE	64.4%	61.1%
POINSETT	61.9%	48.9%
POLK	61.8%	62.4%
POPE	80.7%	66.5%
PRAIRIE	64.4%	56.3%
PULASKI	78.0%	79.0%
RANDOLPH	76.5%	54.4%
ST. FRANCIS	68.5%	55.1%
SALINE	74.6%	72.9%
SCOTT	68.7%	53.8%
SEARCY	66.3%	52.6%
SEBASTIAN	71.2%	71.7%
SEVIER	58.4%	59.0%
SHARP	66.4%	64.5%
STONE	68.7%	59.6%
UNION	68.1%	65.9%
VAN BUREN	66.0%	62.6%
WASHINGTON	84.9%	73.2%
WHITE	80.8%	62.6%
WOODRUFF	72.2%	48.7%
YELL	66.9%	57.2%
State Totals	74.6%	66.3%

Safety and Security Indicators *(1990 and Most Recent Year)*

County	Violent Crime Arrests # and Rate				Property Crime Arrests # and Rate			
	1990		1996		1990		1996	
ARKANSAS	3	2.9	2	1.9	9	8.7	19	18.2
ASHLEY	1	0.8	8	6.8	14	11.4	42	35.6
BAXTER	2	1.8	0	0.0	28	25.9	15	12.2
BENTON	2	0.5	14	2.8	105	27.3	193	38.0
BOONE	0	0.0	4	2.9	39	31.8	82	59.8
BRADLEY	0	0.0	3	5.7	4	7.1	1	1.9
CALHOUN	1	4.1	1	3.8	0	0.0	10	38.0
CARROLL	1	1.3	5	5.2	20	26.2	60	62.1
CHICOT	4	4.4	3	3.5	6	6.6	30	35.4
CLARK	0	0.0	4	4.6	4	4.8	36	41.1
CLAY	0	0.0	0	0.0	27	34.5	7	9.7
CLEBURNE	0	0.0	1	1.2	53	69.3	12	14.4
CLEVELAND	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	2.5	2	5.3
COLUMBIA	2	1.8	13	10.8	23	21.2	22	18.3
CONWAY	1	1.1	0	0.0	19	21.1	25	27.6
CRAIGHEAD	5	1.8	16	5.2	131	46.7	208	67.7
CRAWFORD	0	0.0	1	0.4	75	36.2	29	12.0
CRITTENDEN	27	10.9	31	12.1	81	32.8	122	47.8
CROSS	2	1.9	3	3.1	0	0.0	60	61.4
DALLAS	15	31.8	3	7.4	9	19.1	17	42.1
DESHA	4	4.6	4	4.8	12	13.9	23	27.6
DREW	1	1.2	6	6.8	17	20.8	21	23.7
FAULKNER	2	0.8	16	4.8	18	7.1	100	29.9
FRANKLIN	2	2.6	0	0.0	8	10.4	8	10.6
FULTON	1	2.3	1	2.3	6	13.6	6	13.9
GARLAND	10	3.6	16	5.4	144	51.8	155	52.1
GRANT	0	0.0	1	1.4	7	10.0	37	51.5
GREENE	2	1.4	8	5.5	40	28.2	57	39.0
HEMPSTEAD	0	0.0	2	1.9	32	32.8	28	27.0
HOT SPRING	0	0.0	3	2.3	14	11.7	22	17.1
HOWARD	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	10.8	8	12.0
INDEPENDENCE	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	2.1	2	1.4
IZARD	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	13.3	7	14.7
JACKSON	1	1.1	3	3.7	16	17.5	27	33.1
JEFFERSON	24	5.7	64	15.8	215	50.8	264	65.4
JOHNSON	0	0.0	1	1.1	5	6.4	42	48.3
LAFAYETTE	0	0.0	11	24.3	0	0.0	8	17.7
LAWRENCE	1	1.3	1	1.3	0	0.0	13	17.5
LEE	2	2.4	1	1.3	4	4.8	9	11.7
LINCOLN	1	1.8	1	1.9	5	9.0	4	7.4
LITTLE RIVER	3	4.2	1	1.6	13	18.1	10	15.8
LOGAN	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	1.9	0	0.0
LONOKE	2	1.0	5	2.1	20	10.0	18	7.4
MADISON	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	11.4	3	5.0
MARION	1	2.2	0	0.0	5	10.8	6	11.4
MILLER	3	1.6	48	25.4	79	43.4	133	70.4
MISSISSIPPI	24	8.6	48	19.1	188	67.6	203	80.8
MONROE	0	0.0	5	9.8	20	34.1	31	60.7
MONTGOMERY	0	0.9	0	0.0	7	21.0	9	25.8
NEVADA	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.9	5	10.7
NEWTON	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	2.7	0	0.0
OUACHITA	8	5.9	16	12.1	51	37.5	41	31.0
PERRY	2	4.9	0	0.0	2	4.9	0	0.0
PHILLIPS	5	3.1	9	5.4	113	69.4	40	24.0
PIKE	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	13.0
POINSETT	2	1.8	4	3.6	28	25.5	3	2.7
POLK	0	0.0	0	0.0	30	37.5	26	29.9
POPE	4	2.0	7	3.1	36	17.6	182	80.4
PRAIRIE	1	2.2	1	2.5	6	13.4	8	20.4
PULASKI	170	11.5	154	11.2	724	48.9	740	53.9
RANDOLPH	0	0.0	0	0.0	13	16.5	12	15.4
ST. FRANCIS	13	8.4	26	16.0	62	39.9	102	62.7
SALINE	3	1.0	7	2.0	16	5.1	61	17.8
SCOTT	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	2.2	4	8.9
SEARCY	0	0.0	2	5.9	0	0.0	2	5.9
SEBASTIAN	70	16.6	56	12.7	260	61.8	288	65.2
SEVIER	0	0.0	3	4.6	13	21.2	26	39.6
SHARP	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	8.3	5	7.5
STONE	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	14	29.5
UNION	3	1.4	15	7.0	85	40.2	99	46.0
VAN BUREN	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	3.5	2	3.3
WASHINGTON	12	2.7	21	3.7	163	36.9	238	41.9
WHITE	0	0.0	3	1.1	14	5.8	80	28.4
WOODRUFF	0	0.0	4	8.6	0	0.0	0	0.0
YELL	1	1.2	0	0.0	4	4.9	2	2.6
State Totals	**444**	**4.2**	**686**	**6.2**	**3,177**	**30.2**	**4,232**	**38.4**

Safety and Security Indicators *(1990 and Most Recent Year)*

County	Alcohol/Drug Arrests # and Rate				Teen Violent Deaths # and Rate			
	1990		1996		1990		1996	
ARKANSAS	17	16.4	24	23.0	0	0.0	2	1.9
ASHLEY	7	5.7	27	22.9	0	0.0	4	3.4
BAXTER	9	8.3	17	13.8	1	0.9	0	0.0
BENTON	45	11.7	88	17.3	7	1.8	1	0.2
BOONE	49	40.0	49	35.7	0	0.0	2	1.5
BRADLEY	8	14.1	0	0.0	1	1.8		
CALHOUN	0	0.0	2	7.6	0	0.0	0	0.0
CARROLL	19	24.9	27	28.0	0	0.0	1	1.0
CHICOT	33	36.5	16	18.9	0	0.0	2	2.4
CLARK	4	4.8	18	20.6	0	0.0	0	0.0
CLAY	22	28.1	1	1.4	1	1.3	0	0.0
CLEBURNE	29	37.9	26	31.3	1	1.3	1	1.2
CLEVELAND	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	5.1	0	0.0
COLUMBIA	30	27.7	13	10.8	2	1.8	3	2.5
CONWAY	0	0.0	15	16.6	0	0.0	1	1.1
CRAIGHEAD	65	23.2	75	24.4	1	0.4	4	1.3
CRAWFORD	71	34.2	74	30.6	2	1.0	1	0.4
CRITTENDEN	69	28.0	71	27.8	5	2.0	6	2.4
CROSS	12	11.4	22	22.5	0	0.0	1	1.0
DALLAS	10	21.2	8	19.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
DESHA	16	18.6	23	27.6	0	0.0	1	1.2
DREW	41	50.2	40	45.1	1	1.2	1	1.1
FAULKNER	17	6.7	68	20.3	2	0.8	3	0.9
FRANKLIN	12	15.6	16	21.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
FULTON	1	2.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
GARLAND	55	19.8	47	15.8	1	0.4	3	1.0
GRANT	18	25.6	40	55.7	2	2.8	0	0.0
GREENE	33	23.3	38	26.0	2	1.4	0	0.0
HEMPSTEAD	6	6.1	20	19.3	1	1.0	0	0.0
HOT SPRING	12	10.1	17	13.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
HOWARD	30	46.2	2	3.0	3	4.6	2	3.0
INDEPENDENCE	8	5.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.7
IZARD	2	4.4	1	2.1	2	4.4	0	0.0
JACKSON	29	31.7	18	22.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
JEFFERSON	54	12.7	84	20.8	0	0.0	1	0.2
JOHNSON	8	10.2	10	11.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
LAFAYETTE	0	0.0	4	8.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
LAWRENCE	14	18.1	11	14.8	1	1.3	2	2.7
LEE	1	1.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
LINCOLN	1	1.8	8	14.9	1	1.8	0	0.0
LITTLE RIVER	13	18.1	10	15.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
LOGAN	8	7.4	4	4.0	2	1.9	0	0.0
LONOKE	34	16.9	11	4.5	2	1.0	4	1.7
MADISON	4	7.6	12	19.9	2	3.8	2	3.3
MARION	1	2.2	2	3.8	0	0.0	2	3.8
MILLER	82	45.0	118	62.5	1	0.5	0	0.0
MISSISSIPPI	73	26.2	120	47.8	1	0.4	2	0.8
MONROE	8	13.7	16	31.3	0	0.0	1	2.0
MONTGOMERY	2	6.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
NEVADA	3	5.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	2.1
NEWTON	1	2.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	2.5
OUACHITA	23	16.9	20	15.1	0	0.0	1	0.8
PERRY	1	2.5	3	8.1	0	0.0	1	2.7
PHILLIPS	14	8.6	4	2.4	2	1.2	0	0.0
PIKE	0	0.0	9	19.4	1	2.0	0	0.0
POINSETT	13	11.9	6	5.5	1	0.9	3	2.7
POLK	50	62.4	23	26.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
POPE	23	11.2	61	27.0	3	1.5	2	0.9
PRAIRIE	0	0.0	8	20.4	1	2.2	0	0.0
PULASKI	275	18.6	354	25.8	8	0.5	8	0.6
RANDOLPH	24	30.5	15	19.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
ST. FRANCIS	33	21.2	51	31.3	1	0.6	2	1.2
SALINE	41	13.0	33	9.6	5	1.6	3	0.9
SCOTT	28	62.4	8	17.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
SEARCY	1	3.0	0	0.0	1	3.0	0	0.0
SEBASTIAN	125	29.7	175	39.6	2	0.5	3	0.7
SEVIER	14	22.9	15	22.9	1	1.6	1	1.5
SHARP	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.5
STONE	0	0.0	4	8.4	1	2.5	1	2.1
UNION	57	27.0	55	25.6	3	1.4	1	0.5
VAN BUREN	0	0.0	2	3.3	2	3.5	1	1.6
WASHINGTON	142	32.2	160	28.2	0	0.0	6	1.1
WHITE	24	9.9	65	23.1	2	0.8	2	0.7
WOODRUFF	4	8.1	0	0.0	1	2.0	0	0.0
YELL	15	18.4	11	14.2	0	0.0	1	1.3
State Totals	**1,993**	**18.9**	**2,395**	**21.7**	**82**	**0.8**	**93**	**0.8**

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Safety & Security Indicators *(1990 and/or Most Recent Years)*

County	Child Maltreatment # and Rate				Foster Care # and Rate			
	1990		1997		1995		1997	
ARKANSAS	107	18.0	93	16.6	32	5.7	22	3.9
ASHLEY	43	6.3	83	12.4	30	4.6	60	9.0
BAXTER	88	14.5	113	16.8	59	9.5	86	12.8
BENTON	326	13.4	344	11.3	392	15.1	367	12.1
BOONE	82	11.7	190	24.9	47	6.7	103	13.5
BRADLEY	20	6.5	48	16.2	30	10.4	36	12.1
CALHOUN	36	22.9	34	20.3	19	11.4	20	11.9
CARROLL	64	14.1	88	16.6	81	17.2	85	16.0
CHICOT	61	12.0	37	8.0	44	9.3	30	6.4
CLARK	71	14.8	50	9.1	3	0.6	28	5.1
CLAY	93	22.2	85	20.1	22	5.3	38	9.0
CLEBURNE	89	21.1	78	16.7	32	7.3	27	5.8
CLEVELAND	16	7.8	30	13.8	12	5.9	14	6.4
COLUMBIA	27	4.0	52	7.4	39	5.6	56	8.0
CONWAY	58	11.1	56	10.7	22	4.3	27	5.2
CRAIGHEAD	368	21.5	271	13.6	91	4.8	107	5.4
CRAWFORD	102	8.2	149	10.9	111	8.7	142	10.4
CRITTENDEN	271	17.0	200	13.0	102	6.5	102	6.7
CROSS	53	9.1	84	15.4	14	2.6	23	4.2
DALLAS	15	5.8	43	18.1	31	13.1	34	14.3
DESHA	46	8.6	99	21.1	51	10.5	36	7.7
DREW	54	11.2	71	14.1	37	7.5	42	8.4
FAULKNER	158	10.3	206	10.0	86	4.5	107	5.2
FRANKLIN	30	7.6	43	10.6	17	4.5	29	7.1
FULTON	54	22.9	17	7.0	12	5.2	19	7.8
GARLAND	81	5.1	172	10.2	105	6.7	169	10.0
GRANT	42	11.2	99	24.3	19	5.0	41	10.1
GREENE	179	22.3	162	18.8	14	1.7	56	6.5
HEMPSTEAD	104	17.3	87	14.4	87	15.1	75	12.4
HOT SPRING	48	7.1	56	7.9	20	3.1	26	3.7
HOWARD	47	12.5	41	11.2	23	6.3	48	13.1
INDEPENDENCE	125	15.2	81	9.7	83	10.3	69	8.3
IZARD	54	22.0	40	14.7	10	4.0	16	5.9
JACKSON	87	17.9	45	10.0	31	7.0	33	7.3
JEFFERSON	325	13.4	518	22.3	303	12.8	283	12.2
JOHNSON	68	15.1	57	11.3	17	3.8	42	8.4
LAFAYETTE	29	10.8	8	3.3	19	7.4	12	4.9
LAWRENCE	86	19.9	95	22.9	12	2.9	29	7.0
LEE	65	14.8	30	7.5	24	6.1	24	6.0
LINCOLN	53	16.6	38	12.6	25	8.3	15	5.0
LITTLE RIVER	28	7.1	47	13.0	17	4.4	27	7.5
LOGAN	29	5.2	162	29.9	31	5.8	72	13.3
LONOKE	113	9.7	156	11.6	21	1.7	28	2.1
MADISON	47	15.1	36	10.8	10	3.3	10	3.0
MARION	87	33.0	87	30.5	58	23.0	58	20.3
MILLER	125	11.4	186	17.4	178	16.5	145	13.6
MISSISSIPPI	161	8.9	161	10.7	50	2.9	57	3.8
MONROE	38	11.3	38	13.2	8	2.7	11	3.8
MONTGOMERY	27	15.0	24	12.6	37	20.7	23	12.1
NEVADA	11	4.0	32	12.0	24	9.2	26	9.7
NEWTON	34	15.8	39	18.8	13	6.5	26	12.5
OUACHITA	160	19.3	106	14.5	52	6.5	86	11.7
PERRY	42	20.7	26	12.2	18	9.2	19	8.9
PHILLIPS	102	10.3	158	17.6	64	7.3	58	6.5
PIKE	25	9.5	37	14.2	6	2.4	10	3.8
POINSETT	87	13.2	123	19.4	40	6.4	46	7.2
POLK	55	12.3	66	14.1	47	11.0	72	15.4
POPE	209	17.2	156	11.6	80	6.2	79	5.9
PRAIRIE	17	6.9	27	11.5	13	5.5	10	4.3
PULASKI	889	9.6	1,467	16.3	807	8.9	836	9.3
RANDOLPH	93	21.8	69	15.8	16	3.9	32	7.3
ST. FRANCIS	113	12.0	186	21.3	99	11.4	97	11.1
SALINE	145	8.2	228	11.3	56	3.0	115	5.7
SCOTT	43	16.5	25	8.9	14	5.2	20	7.2
SEARCY	27	14.1	41	22.5	14	7.9	20	11.0
SEBASTIAN	349	13.4	419	13.5	269	10.3	313	11.6
SEVIER	25	7.0	43	11.2	30	8.5	26	6.8
SHARP	43	14.0	33	10.0	15	5.3	12	3.7
STONE	68	28.7	32	13.1	15	6.4	13	5.3
UNION	149	11.6	112	9.0	80	6.4	81	6.5
VAN BUREN	69	21.9	53	16.4	25	8.2	29	9.0
WASHINGTON	272	9.6	437	12.6	192	6.2	276	7.9
WHITE	152	11.0	240	15.2	82	5.7	66	4.2
WOODRUFF	52	18.9	38	15.1	9	3.6	7	2.8
YELL	26	5.7	68	14.0	21	4.5	25	5.2
State Totals	**7,637**	**12.2**	**9,251**	**14.3**	**4,719**	**7.6**	**5,409**	**8.4**

Socioeconomic Indicators *(1990 and Most Recent Year)*

County	AFDC		Food Stamps		School Lunch # and %			
	1990	1997	1990	1997	1990		1997	
ARKANSAS	922	730	1,921	2,095	1,895	45%	1,841	47%
ASHLEY	1,085	760	2,375	2,631	1,944	46%	2,176	47%
BAXTER	441	514	1,494	1,979	1,618	39%	2,019	41%
BENTON	860	1,226	3,315	5,620	4,189	30%	7,472	32%
BOONE	466	737	1,599	2,345	1,744	34%	2,406	39%
BRADLEY	536	393	1,078	1,105	1,128	50%	1,216	54%
CALHOUN	240	115	495	358	378	47%	457	50%
CARROLL	242	293	772	1,411	946	35%	1,447	40%
CHICOT	1,786	1,129	3,107	2,508	2,692	81%	2,518	83%
CLARK	635	284	1,467	1,427	1,414	46%	1,418	44%
CLAY	477	331	1,035	1,269	1,139	46%	1,365	46%
CLEBURNE	292	374	848	1,429	1,134	40%	1,466	40%
CLEVELAND	234	228	529	645	573	40%	635	43%
COLUMBIA	1,352	947	2,849	3,044	1,992	46%	2,104	44%
CONWAY	682	391	1,739	1,735	1,534	40%	1,681	47%
CRAIGHEAD	1,758	1,827	4,289	5,427	3,569	35%	4,770	35%
CRAWFORD	1,123	1,186	3,287	3,937	3,145	38%	3,997	39%
CRITTENDEN	3,098	2,322	7,118	7,526	6,035	60%	6,626	62%
CROSS	929	678	2,226	2,363	2,061	52%	2,182	53%
DALLAS	461	352	865	938	772	49%	877	49%
DESHA	1,367	896	2,750	2,506	2,448	59%	2,350	63%
DREW	675	534	1,421	1,715	1,341	42%	1,481	45%
FAULKNER	985	684	2,395	3,502	2,498	28%	4,219	30%
FRANKLIN	253	221	869	1,173	1,132	37%	1,301	37%
FULTON	270	396	944	1,075	738	50%	893	52%
GARLAND	1,546	1,719	4,548	5,711	3,763	37%	4,991	38%
GRANT	167	196	588	853	805	36%	1,452	32%
GREENE	674	612	1,855	2,557	1,949	36%	2,451	38%
HEMPSTEAD	967	667	2,087	2,292	1,937	53%	2,319	54%
HOT SPRING	754	584	2,086	2,337	1,969	40%	2,308	40%
HOWARD	228	229	781	1,215	1,109	41%	1,415	46%
INDEPENDENCE	701	704	1,758	2,512	1,756	38%	2,346	40%
IZARD	224	318	775	1,233	788	53%	1,069	52%
JACKSON	919	733	1,678	2,005	1,389	47%	1,497	52%
JEFFERSON	6,026	4,090	11,267	11,379	7,582	50%	8,546	54%
JOHNSON	387	361	1,390	1,670	1,430	40%	1,981	47%
LAFAYETTE	587	419	1,213	1,017	1,149	62%	991	57%
LAWRENCE	596	485	1,640	1,765	1,369	48%	1,547	45%
LEE	1,790	1,098	3,217	2,419	2,474	90%	1,880	88%
LINCOLN	747	498	1,557	1,455	1,187	56%	1,328	59%
LITTLE RIVER	277	269	936	1,021	897	38%	844	37%
LOGAN	555	536	1,663	1,906	1,452	45%	1,729	46%
LONOKE	723	732	1,950	2,737	2,471	27%	2,794	27%
MADISON	197	143	821	1,010	952	41%	1,212	45%
MARION	358	334	855	1,326	844	49%	1,224	51%
MILLER	1,767	1,705	3,923	4,828	3,011	43%	3,333	47%
MISSISSIPPI	3,717	2,757	7,420	6,942	6,596	61%	6,387	61%
MONROE	923	662	1,924	1,678	1,599	73%	1,561	73%
MONTGOMERY	182	141	749	692	557	48%	717	50%
NEVADA	341	194	766	874	951	50%	1,030	51%
NEWTON	191	210	741	736	980	66%	930	63%
OUACHITA	1,474	1,271	3,079	3,180	2,419	46%	2,995	50%
PERRY	175	136	590	576	601	43%	766	40%
PHILLIPS	4,414	3,093	7,669	6,840	5,357	73%	4,600	75%
PIKE	162	137	533	694	627	38%	850	38%
POINSETT	1,238	894	2,978	2,756	2,096	48%	2,427	49%
POLK	401	567	1,235	1,825	1,499	53%	1,969	53%
POPE	985	901	2,927	3,707	2,535	35%	3,515	36%
PRAIRIE	227	199	603	623	784	42%	754	46%
PULASKI	10,400	8,350	23,418	25,728	20,626	45%	26,385	50%
RANDOLPH	402	499	1,257	1,677	1,146	49%	1,544	52%
ST. FRANCIS	3,239	2,292	6,054	5,266	4,607	67%	4,362	70%
SALINE	739	747	2,350	2,754	1,822	19%	2,397	20%
SCOTT	286	309	903	1,171	529	43%	792	46%
SEARCY	129	165	553	643	692	53%	902	63%
SEBASTIAN	1,340	2,101	4,973	7,596	4,685	35%	7,019	38%
SEVIER	233	260	841	1,170	968	46%	1,516	50%
SHARP	407	420	1,031	1,320	1,298	48%	1,501	48%
STONE	262	213	706	901	672	56%	1,009	54%
UNION	2,299	1,687	4,226	4,174	3,552	45%	4,372	48%
VAN BUREN	345	361	1,074	1,295	1,125	54%	1,332	55%
WASHINGTON	1,576	1,750	5,176	7,345	4,944	29%	7,901	32%
WHITE	1,060	1,136	3,164	4,331	3,311	36%	4,488	39%
WOODRUFF	675	455	1,508	1,351	1,172	68%	1,153	68%
YELL	464	304	1,073	1,227	1,293	44%	1,933	49%
State Totals	79,645	66,191	186,896	212,083	167,395	43%	203,281	45%

Socioeconomic Indicators *(1994 and Most Recent Year)*

County	Persons Participating in WIC		WIC at Poverty # and %			
	1994	1996	1994		1996	
ARKANSAS	880	944	820	67.7%	796	68.9%
ASHLEY	1,111	1,059	988	65.6%	884	66.6%
BAXTER	870	1,003	711	58.3%	862	65.3%
BENTON	2,370	2,620	2,082	56.5%	2,300	62.5%
BOONE	1,030	1,065	870	58.4%	873	62.2%
BRADLEY	469	504	455	70.1%	460	69.2%
CALHOUN	186	195	156	67.0%	134	59.3%
CARROLL	637	736	479	50.1%	678	66.6%
CHICOT	1,009	902	1,042	82.3%	900	82.1%
CLARK	797	804	707	63.7%	642	60.6%
CLAY	663	674	576	59.1%	528	61.1%
CLEBURNE	550	589	454	58.3%	452	59.2%
CLEVELAND	289	319	235	60.3%	252	62.1%
COLUMBIA	975	937	905	69.7%	841	72.3%
CONWAY	678	642	594	66.1%	540	64.0%
CRAIGHEAD	2,559	2,574	2,184	61.6%	2,098	64.0%
CRAWFORD	1,513	1,410	1,437	66.4%	1,337	71.1%
CRITTENDEN	3,185	3,100	3,053	73.2%	2,836	77.4%
CROSS	780	844	750	66.8%	675	64.0%
DALLAS	474	519	352	58.5%	398	64.9%
DESHA	1,195	1,170	1,167	73.4%	1,098	78.3%
DREW	771	740	663	62.8%	639	66.6%
FAULKNER	1,963	2,123	1,633	59.5%	1,582	59.1%
FRANKLIN	560	548	436	59.9%	421	56.7%
FULTON	374	352	332	61.9%	300	68.2%
GARLAND	2,224	2,199	2,445	75.2%	2,129	73.0%
GRANT	473	512	299	45.6%	309	49.0%
GREENE	1,183	1,282	873	52.2%	845	53.5%
HEMPSTEAD	1,083	1,158	978	65.5%	1,055	72.3%
HOT SPRING	901	958	744	61.1%	782	65.5%
HOWARD	652	779	565	59.9%	612	63.3%
INDEPENDENCE	951	1,152	875	62.6%	890	60.5%
IZARD	396	402	360	65.7%	337	69.5%
JACKSON	715	724	673	66.8%	642	72.3%
JEFFERSON	3,419	3,389	3,476	73.4%	3,196	74.8%
JOHNSON	877	892	715	58.9%	691	59.9%
LAFAYETTE	478	433	463	73.6%	414	75.0%
LAWRENCE	796	752	717	67.7%	596	64.8%
LEE	767	735	730	77.4%	730	81.2%
LINCOLN	443	455	434	66.6%	350	67.6%
LITTLE RIVER	501	502	446	63.5%	423	65.6%
LOGAN	1,046	1,124	836	58.2%	851	64.0%
LONOKE	1,342	1,440	1,094	57.3%	1,126	64.9%
MADISON	435	391	328	58.9%	286	59.7%
MARION	415	488	403	64.9%	413	68.9%
MILLER	1,499	1,487	1,582	76.2%	1,505	77.2%
MISSISSIPPI	3,031	3,031	2,940	70.6%	2,687	70.8%
MONROE	740	733	752	78.2%	671	80.8%
MONTGOMERY	295	337	273	65.9%	291	67.8%
NEVADA	454	419	382	60.6%	356	67.7%
NEWTON	339	328	282	61.0%	275	70.0%
OUACHITA	1,197	1,203	1,184	71.2%	1,053	69.6%
PERRY	379	411	268	52.4%	284	54.2%
PHILLIPS	2,261	2,137	2,468	82.9%	2,141	82.6%
PIKE	413	434	329	56.3%	342	63.8%
POINSETT	1,439	1,379	1,249	65.6%	1,214	72.9%
POLK	661	716	647	66.8%	632	65.2%
POPE	1,613	1,803	1,457	61.1%	1,521	64.7%
PRAIRIE	360	388	334	67.7%	319	64.6%
PULASKI	10,587	10,636	10,168	68.3%	9,568	69.7%
RANDOLPH	750	705	652	63.2%	558	64.2%
ST. FRANCIS	2,118	1,951	2,127	77.3%	1,800	78.4%
SALINE	1,503	1,614	1,204	55.8%	1,216	57.9%
SCOTT	492	487	389	60.8%	400	66.4%
SEARCY	264	285	263	70.7%	229	62.2%
SEBASTIAN	2,698	3,151	2,680	67.5%	3,005	71.9%
SEVIER	848	902	759	67.6%	787	71.7%
SHARP	514	517	474	66.9%	455	66.5%
STONE	390	395	370	67.4%	354	72.0%
UNION	1,662	1,742	1,675	71.4%	1,556	70.4%
VAN BUREN	572	628	485	61.2%	471	60.0%
WASHINGTON	2,556	3,534	2,485	60.3%	3,278	65.5%
WHITE	1,837	1,988	1,523	59.7%	1,509	57.9%
WOODRUFF	454	475	392	73.5%	420	75.5%
YELL	901	1,059	785	61.3%	906	67.8%
State Totals	87,832	91,014	81,113	66.2%	79,005	68.2%

Socioeconomic Indicators *(1990 and Most Recent Year)*

County	Births to Women with <12 years educ. # and Rate				Per Capita Income	
	1990		1996		1990	1996
ARKANSAS	95	32.2%	70	23.3%	$14,088	$19,296
ASHLEY	109	27.2%	93	26.2%	$13,189	$17,744
BAXTER	73	24.4%	61	16.7%	$14,969	$18,360
BENTON	401	27.8%	537	27.5%	$16,298	$20,549
BOONE	87	22.1%	89	20.7%	$14,049	$17,124
BRADLEY	51	27.7%	45	32.1%	$14,034	$17,665
CALHOUN	20	25.0%	13	20.0%	$10,961	$12,764
CARROLL	51	20.0%	93	30.1%	$13,821	$17,443
CHICOT	111	41.1%	50	25.3%	$10,308	$14,472
CLARK	62	23.9%	65	22.5%	$12,295	$16,117
CLAY	80	30.9%	45	21.0%	$11,422	$15,203
CLEBURNE	39	18.3%	44	21.0%	$13,146	$16,093
CLEVELAND	23	21.3%	19	18.6%	$11,766	$14,737
COLUMBIA	95	25.6%	64	19.2%	$13,609	$17,504
CONWAY	60	22.2%	52	19.9%	$12,868	$16,776
CRAIGHEAD	232	22.0%	201	18.5%	$13,669	$17,826
CRAWFORD	258	34.4%	200	29.4%	$11,561	$14,792
CRITTENDEN	364	36.0%	276	33.0%	$12,643	$16,450
CROSS	102	32.7%	80	28.4%	$11,238	$15,062
DALLAS	45	34.4%	38	27.7%	$13,221	$16,992
DESHA	83	27.4%	64	25.1%	$10,738	$14,899
DREW	59	20.8%	59	24.0%	$11,521	$15,879
FAULKNER	131	15.4%	125	12.0%	$14,213	$18,509
FRANKLIN	36	17.6%	53	19.9%	$12,042	$15,330
FULTON	26	21.7%	25	21.2%	$9,953	$12,530
GARLAND	249	27.1%	234	23.8%	$16,255	$20,665
GRANT	38	22.4%	25	12.4%	$13,656	$16,415
GREENE	118	27.1%	94	20.2%	$11,569	$15,400
HEMPSTEAD	97	29.4%	94	29.7%	$11,514	$15,845
HOT SPRING	84	26.1%	72	17.7%	$12,021	$14,374
HOWARD	63	30.9%	62	30.2%	$14,121	$19,089
INDEPENDENCE	102	27.1%	89	20.3%	$13,568	$16,905
IZARD	36	29.0%	25	19.4%	$12,332	$14,283
JACKSON	83	31.8%	60	23.3%	$12,191	$16,739
JEFFERSON	346	23.9%	326	24.8%	$13,470	$16,685
JOHNSON	90	32.0%	76	28.9%	$11,343	$15,419
LAFAYETTE	51	33.6%	34	28.8%	$10,616	$13,348
LAWRENCE	56	25.8%	53	22.6%	$10,739	$14,734
LEE	98	36.8%	47	27.0%	$9,410	$11,537
LINCOLN	48	29.8%	22	15.8%	$8,558	$11,405
LITTLE RIVER	50	25.1%	40	19.0%	$14,198	$16,909
LOGAN	83	29.3%	76	26.6%	$12,222	$15,898
LONOKE	117	21.8%	120	18.2%	$13,882	$18,205
MADISON	32	21.3%	52	31.7%	$12,214	$14,711
MARION	44	27.0%	33	22.3%	$12,061	$14,517
MILLER	180	29.5%	161	26.7%	$12,563	$15,812
MISSISSIPPI	360	30.5%	291	31.0%	$12,415	$17,027
MONROE	63	31.3%	40	28.6%	$10,841	$14,732
MONTGOMERY	33	34.7%	30	31.3%	$11,250	$14,177
NEVADA	45	32.8%	32	26.7%	$11,047	$14,484
NEWTON	26	26.5%	12	16.0%	$8,839	$11,272
OUACHITA	108	20.7%	82	21.9%	$13,010	$16,099
PERRY	31	32.3%	26	21.8%	$11,661	$13,860
PHILLIPS	228	38.8%	207	36.4%	$10,606	$13,930
PIKE	33	27.7%	48	30.6%	$12,203	$16,442
POINSETT	153	39.5%	101	29.0%	$11,376	$15,757
POLK	68	26.1%	60	21.7%	$12,074	$15,539
POPE	149	20.5%	155	20.8%	$13,882	$17,403
PRAIRIE	36	26.1%	34	25.4%	$10,983	$15,391
PULASKI	1,180	18.7%	841	14.8%	$18,300	$24,029
RANDOLPH	55	27.4%	39	19.5%	$10,825	$13,889
ST. FRANCIS	190	34.9%	158	30.2%	$10,781	$14,478
SALINE	174	19.5%	145	15.4%	$14,104	$17,731
SCOTT	46	30.3%	50	32.7%	$10,905	$14,996
SEARCY	22	23.9%	24	24.2%	$9,976	$13,305
SEBASTIAN	420	26.0%	465	28.3%	$16,450	$20,866
SEVIER	69	34.7%	82	38.0%	$13,034	$16,465
SHARP	34	25.0%	34	19.8%	$11,739	$13,637
STONE	34	28.8%	30	26.5%	$10,887	$13,679
UNION	198	26.9%	156	23.5%	$15,904	$20,620
VAN BUREN	44	28.4%	25	14.2%	$11,440	$14,252
WASHINGTON	429	23.6%	504	22.6%	$15,418	$19,612
WHITE	213	26.6%	192	22.6%	$12,081	$15,221
WOODRUFF	47	32.6%	31	24.6%	$11,221	$15,281
YELL	87	33.5%	107	36.5%	$12,614	$16,143
State Totals	9,333	25.6%	8,257	22.7%	$14,032	$18,097

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Socioeconomic Indicators *(1990 and Most Recent Year)*

County	Unemployment # and Rate				Child Support Cases		Support Collected $ and %		
	1990		1996		1990	1997	1990		1997
ARKANSAS	475	4.7	600	5.6	1,533	not available	$17,065	65.6%	not available
ASHLEY	650	6.0	775	6.8	1,585		$16,662	62.6%	
BAXTER	725	6.1	625	4.3	809		$16,767	57.4%	
BENTON	1,800	3.7	1,875	2.9	2,996		$19,468	54.7%	
BOONE	800	5.8	825	5.6	869		$15,775	59.4%	
BRADLEY	500	9.7	550	10.9	871		$16,126	64.2%	
CALHOUN	300	11.4	200	8.7	355		$12,984	58.0%	
CARROLL	600	6.1	650	5.5	602		$15,829	64.2%	
CHICOT	625	10.5	625	9.7	2,012		$13,888	71.2%	
CLARK	750	7.5	325	2.8	1,005		$14,779	65.7%	
CLAY	575	7.1	575	7.1	602		$14,330	64.2%	
CLEBURNE	625	7.2	525	5.7	600		$15,129	58.4%	
CLEVELAND	250	7.1	225	5.9	367		$14,057	49.7%	
COLUMBIA	875	7.4	800	6.9	1,869		$15,649	71.5%	
CONWAY	575	6.4	500	5.1	697		$15,573	69.0%	
CRAIGHEAD	2,175	5.9	1,675	4.1	2,968		$16,475	65.3%	
CRAWFORD	1,750	8.4	1,200	5.1	1,638		$13,894	60.7%	
CRITTENDEN	1,725	7.6	1,275	5.6	4,753		$15,617	64.7%	
CROSS	725	8.5	500	5.7	1,388		$15,267	62.0%	
DALLAS	350	8.3	300	8.0	783		$16,036	58.3%	
DESHA	725	10.6	800	10.9	1,733		$14,901	71.6%	
DREW	775	9.0	800	7.8	1,182		$14,682	65.1%	
FAULKNER	2,350	7.4	1,800	4.6	1,474		$16,590	60.3%	
FRANKLIN	600	8.4	325	3.9	348		$14,210	60.8%	
FULTON	250	6.2	250	5.5	413		$11,375	48.2%	
GARLAND	2,150	6.7	1,750	4.9	3,491		$18,916	50.8%	
GRANT	350	5.1	325	4.5	377		$15,740	60.4%	
GREENE	1,100	7.1	1,100	6.1	1,167		$14,507	65.7%	
HEMPSTEAD	900	8.8	975	8.3	1,679		$14,750	61.5%	
HOT SPRING	1,025	9.0	600	5.0	1,185		$13,539	56.7%	
HOWARD	525	8.0	425	5.9	725		$17,978	66.3%	
INDEPENDENCE	1,150	7.4	1,075	6.4	1,166		$15,865	55.9%	
IZARD	225	5.0	375	9.6	453		$13,722	47.5%	
JACKSON	975	11.6	950	11.5	1,042		$14,889	56.4%	
JEFFERSON	3,475	9.1	2,875	7.7	8,768		$15,776	47.9%	
JOHNSON	675	8.3	425	4.0	569		$14,433	75.3%	
LAFAYETTE	275	7.4	275	7.9	775		$12,611	56.0%	
LAWRENCE	850	11.0	650	8.2	635		$13,310	64.9%	
LEE	550	12.0	550	11.8	1,753		$12,012	86.1%	
LINCOLN	375	8.0	400	7.5	865		$12,043	58.6%	
LITTLE RIVER	325	4.5	475	8.2	747		$15,661	56.7%	
LOGAN	600	6.5	525	5.2	731		$15,001	60.5%	
LONOKE	1,175	6.0	1,025	4.3	1,796		$16,835	68.9%	
MADISON	300	5.0	250	3.7	311		$14,856	58.6%	
MARION	350	7.1	300	4.9	437		$14,102	53.5%	
MILLER	1,050	6.1	1,125	6.5	2,871		$14,287	52.0%	
MISSISSIPPI	2,375	9.5	2,475	9.1	5,217		$16,049	45.3%	
MONROE	350	7.9	400	9.1	924		$14,926	54.1%	
MONTGOMERY	125	3.7	175	4.4	216		$13,609	58.5%	
NEVADA	475	10.3	400	8.0	676		$15,808	56.4%	
NEWTON	250	8.4	200	6.8	165		$11,132	56.2%	
OUACHITA	2,025	13.9	1,275	10.7	2,549		$15,032	59.4%	
PERRY	325	8.6	250	6.2	208		$13,720	56.2%	
PHILLIPS	1,200	11.3	1,125	10.6	4,635		$13,523	48.6%	
PIKE	450	9.7	300	5.9	295		$16,730	53.1%	
POINSETT	1,100	9.8	775	6.9	1,358		$14,515	69.0%	
POLK	375	4.9	425	4.7	644		$14,836	63.2%	
POPE	1,525	6.5	1,200	4.5	1,538		$16,493	66.9%	
PRAIRIE	275	6.3	375	9.3	402		$14,194	49.8%	
PULASKI	10,325	5.5	7,475	3.8	20,156		$21,798	51.5%	
RANDOLPH	700	9.6	1,125	14.2	622		$12,523	66.0%	
ST. FRANCIS	1,375	12.0	1,425	11.2	3,980		$13,727	66.3%	
SALINE	1,900	5.7	1,125	2.8	1,808		$16,260	66.1%	
SCOTT	325	6.9	175	3.5	299		$14,338	57.2%	
SEARCY	275	8.7	200	6.8	218		$12,032	51.7%	
SEBASTIAN	3,850	7.3	2,775	5.0	3,333		$19,293	61.2%	
SEVIER	275	4.3	450	6.5	554		$16,512	72.5%	
SHARP	375	7.5	400	6.8	460		$12,788	55.0%	
STONE	300	6.9	275	5.5	364		$13,328	53.4%	
UNION	1,450	7.0	1,525	7.2	3,045		$19,262	61.9%	
VAN BUREN	500	9.0	425	6.7	451		$13,257	44.9%	
WASHINGTON	2,350	3.8	2,200	2.9	3,688		$18,595	61.3%	
WHITE	2,600	9.9	1,850	6.1	1,896		$14,336	62.6%	
WOODRUFF	425	10.5	400	9.2	859		$14,320	64.2%	
YELL	475	5.5	350	3.7	492		$16,246	71.4%	
State Totals	78,300	7.0	66,600	5.4	126,023		$16,863	58.6%	

Health Indicators *(1990 and Most Recent Year)*

County	Low Birthweight # and %				No Prenatal Care 1st Trimester # and %			
	1990		1996		1990		1996	
ARKANSAS	40	10.5%	36	12.0%	151	54.1%	116	38.5%
ASHLEY	37	7.2%	30	8.5%	98	24.7%	77	21.7%
BAXTER	23	9.0%	17	4.7%	81	27.5%	138	37.8%
BENTON	77	7.0%	131	6.7%	328	22.8%	424	21.7%
BOONE	16	6.9%	26	6.0%	89	23.2%	79	18.4%
BRADLEY	22	7.1%	17	12.1%	58	31.9%	41	29.3%
CALHOUN	7	11.3%	6	9.2%	25	32.1%	21	32.3%
CARROLL	9	6.7%	22	7.1%	55	21.7%	88	28.5%
CHICOT	48	8.1%	18	9.1%	98	36.7%	61	30.8%
CLARK	26	8.9%	26	9.0%	89	34.9%	119	41.2%
CLAY	19	6.9%	17	7.9%	65	25.5%	35	16.4%
CLEBURNE	8	11.3%	15	7.1%	61	29.2%	53	25.2%
CLEVELAND	4	7.4%	13	12.7%	27	25.2%	14	13.7%
COLUMBIA	46	11.1%	39	11.7%	105	29.0%	92	27.6%
CONWAY	18	7.4%	21	8.0%	75	28.1%	56	21.5%
CRAIGHEAD	64	6.7%	72	6.6%	306	31.9%	228	20.9%
CRAWFORD	62	6.0%	40	5.9%	278	37.0%	197	28.9%
CRITTENDEN	106	10.0%	103	12.3%	396	39.4%	216	25.8%
CROSS	34	8.0%	35	12.4%	122	39.9%	94	33.3%
DALLAS	19	9.9%	13	9.5%	41	31.5%	42	30.7%
DESHA	21	7.3%	30	11.8%	102	33.9%	52	20.4%
DREW	25	8.8%	20	8.1%	24	8.5%	44	17.9%
FAULKNER	38	7.8%	58	5.6%	198	24.1%	239	23.0%
FRANKLIN	10	4.9%	17	6.4%	71	35.1%	73	27.4%
FULTON	9	3.3%	7	5.9%	23	19.2%	36	30.5%
GARLAND	79	9.1%	107	10.9%	285	31.7%	296	30.1%
GRANT	6	8.8%	17	8.5%	36	21.8%	38	18.9%
GREENE	16	4.4%	31	6.7%	87	20.9%	58	12.5%
HEMPSTEAD	19	7.0%	38	12.0%	142	45.1%	80	25.2%
HOT SPRING	24	6.2%	36	8.9%	67	21.2%	102	25.1%
HOWARD	17	11.3%	18	8.8%	82	42.5%	39	19.0%
INDEPENDENCE	28	5.0%	34	7.6%	115	31.8%	49	11.2%
IZARD	10	12.9%	10	7.8%	26	21.3%	33	25.6%
JACKSON	23	11.9%	25	9.7%	103	39.6%	47	18.2%
JEFFERSON	110	11.1%	145	11.0%	498	35.0%	415	31.5%
JOHNSON	23	7.5%	13	4.9%	105	37.9%	71	27.0%
LAFAYETTE	21	9.2%	9	7.6%	71	48.3%	30	25.4%
LAWRENCE	15	7.8%	14	6.0%	66	35.1%	40	17.0%
LEE	34	11.3%	18	10.3%	127	48.8%	75	43.1%
LINCOLN	11	7.5%	10	7.2%	53	33.1%	24	17.3%
LITTLE RIVER	16	6.0%	20	9.5%	63	34.2%	49	23.2%
LOGAN	19	5.7%	25	8.7%	91	32.2%	69	24.1%
LONOKE	35	8.0%	39	5.9%	112	22.4%	137	20.8%
MADISON	9	5.3%	9	5.5%	44	29.3%	46	28.0%
MARION	7	9.8%	13	8.8%	51	31.7%	29	19.6%
MILLER	64	8.8%	51	8.5%	238	42.3%	150	24.9%
MISSISSIPPI	108	8.6%	97	10.3%	385	33.2%	255	27.1%
MONROE	20	7.5%	20	14.3%	100	52.1%	58	41.4%
MONTGOMERY	6	11.6%	3	3.1%	28	29.8%	29	30.2%
NEVADA	11	9.5%	17	14.2%	51	38.3%	31	25.8%
NEWTON	5	5.1%	4	5.3%	24	25.0%	9	12.0%
OUACHITA	42	11.7%	38	10.1%	168	34.2%	121	32.3%
PERRY	8	8.3%	8	6.7%	20	21.5%	25	21.0%
PHILLIPS	76	13.1%	56	9.9%	277	47.4%	223	39.3%
PIKE	12	5.0%	16	10.2%	41	35.3%	44	28.0%
POINSETT	38	9.3%	30	8.6%	126	37.4%	81	23.3%
POLK	14	8.4%	19	6.9%	51	20.0%	78	28.3%
POPE	37	6.9%	35	4.7%	178	24.6%	127	17.1%
PRAIRIE	6	5.8%	25	18.7%	45	34.9%	48	35.8%
PULASKI	448	9.1%	541	9.5%	1,138	19.5%	1,174	20.7%
RANDOLPH	13	4.0%	11	5.5%	67	35.4%	32	16.0%
ST. FRANCIS	75	11.4%	68	13.0%	264	48.7%	225	42.9%
SALINE	36	7.0%	62	6.6%	131	15.7%	199	21.2%
SCOTT	12	6.6%	13	8.5%	36	23.8%	48	31.4%
SEARCY	6	12.0%	12	12.1%	20	22.7%	24	24.2%
SEBASTIAN	89	6.8%	126	7.7%	480	29.8%	557	33.9%
SEVIER	10	6.0%	14	6.5%	62	32.1%	43	19.9%
SHARP	10	7.4%	14	8.1%	49	39.5%	24	14.0%
STONE	7	5.9%	6	5.3%	36	30.8%	26	23.0%
UNION	71	10.2%	56	8.4%	245	34.3%	218	32.8%
VAN BUREN	9	5.2%	16	9.1%	40	26.0%	50	28.4%
WASHINGTON	100	5.8%	155	6.9%	466	25.7%	453	20.3%
WHITE	54	7.1%	71	8.4%	185	24.4%	166	19.6%
WOODRUFF	22	11.1%	15	11.9%	56	40.6%	36	28.6%
YELL	20	5.4%	19	6.5%	66	25.5%	68	23.2%
State Totals	2,739	8.2%	3,078	8.5%	10,263	29.2%	8,984	24.7%

Health Indicators *(1990 and Most Recent Year)*

County	Births to Teens # and %				Infant Mortality # and Rate			
	1990		1996		1990		1996	
ARKANSAS	40	13.6%	32	10.6%	2	6.8	3	10.0
ASHLEY	37	9.2%	36	10.1%	4	10.0	1	2.8
BAXTER	23	7.7%	17	4.7%	6	20.1	0	0.0
BENTON	77	5.3%	108	5.5%	17	11.8	27	13.8
BOONE	16	4.1%	27	6.3%	8	20.4	2	4.7
BRADLEY	22	12.0%	10	7.1%	3	16.3		
CALHOUN	7	8.8%	7	10.8%	0	0.0	0	0.0
CARROLL	9	3.5%	16	5.2%	0	0.0	3	9.7
CHICOT	48	17.8%	33	16.7%	2	7.4	3	15.2
CLARK	26	10.0%	17	5.9%	5	19.3	1	3.5
CLAY	19	7.3%	11	5.1%	2	7.7	4	18.7
CLEBURNE	8	3.8%	17	8.1%	0	0.0	0	0.0
CLEVELAND	4	3.7%	5	4.9%	3	27.8	0	0.0
COLUMBIA	46	12.4%	30	9.0%	7	18.9	4	12.0
CONWAY	18	6.7%	19	7.3%	3	11.1	4	15.3
CRAIGHEAD	64	6.1%	60	5.5%	6	5.7	9	8.3
CRAWFORD	62	8.3%	59	8.7%	3	4.0	4	5.9
CRITTENDEN	106	10.5%	95	11.4%	13	12.9	14	16.7
CROSS	34	10.9%	32	11.3%	3	9.6	5	17.7
DALLAS	19	14.5%	15	10.9%	2	15.3	1	7.3
DESHA	21	6.9%	38	14.9%	3	9.9	1	3.9
DREW	25	8.8%	17	6.9%	5	17.6	1	4.1
FAULKNER	38	4.5%	48	4.6%	13	15.3	7	6.7
FRANKLIN	10	4.9%	15	5.6%	2	9.8	1	3.8
FULTON	9	7.5%	5	4.2%	1	8.3	0	0.0
GARLAND	79	8.6%	78	7.9%	6	6.5	10	10.2
GRANT	6	3.5%	5	2.5%	0	0.0	0	0.0
GREENE	16	3.7%	31	6.7%	3	6.9	4	8.6
HEMPSTEAD	19	5.8%	31	9.8%	1	3.0	4	12.6
HOT SPRING	24	7.5%	26	6.4%	3	9.3	5	12.3
HOWARD	17	8.3%	15	7.3%	3	14.7	1	4.9
INDEPENDENCE	28	7.4%	30	6.8%	4	10.6	5	11.4
IZARD	10	8.1%	5	3.9%	1	8.1	0	0.0
JACKSON	23	8.8%	23	8.9%	2	7.7	0	0.0
JEFFERSON	110	7.6%	140	10.6%	16	11.0	17	12.9
JOHNSON	23	8.2%	13	4.9%	1	3.6	2	7.6
LAFAYETTE	21	13.8%	13	11.0%	1	6.6	3	25.4
LAWRENCE	15	6.9%	11	4.7%	3	13.8	3	12.8
LEE	34	12.8%	26	14.9%	2	7.5	2	11.5
LINCOLN	11	6.8%	10	7.2%	1	6.2	1	7.2
LITTLE RIVER	16	8.0%	13	6.2%	0	0.0	2	9.5
LOGAN	19	6.7%	19	6.6%	1	3.5	3	10.5
LONOKE	35	6.5%	46	7.0%	6	11.2	8	12.2
MADISON	9	6.0%	16	9.8%	1	6.7	3	18.3
MARION	7	4.3%	8	5.4%	1	6.1	3	20.3
MILLER	64	10.5%	56	9.3%	6	9.8	6	10.0
MISSISSIPPI	108	9.1%	130	13.8%	16	13.5	7	7.4
MONROE	20	10.0%	12	8.6%	1	5.0	1	7.1
MONTGOMERY	6	6.3%	7	7.3%	0	0.0	0	0.0
NEVADA	11	8.0%	13	10.8%	0	0.0	3	25.0
NEWTON	5	5.1%	2	2.7%	0	0.0	1	13.3
OUACHITA	42	8.1%	43	11.5%	2	3.8	10	26.7
PERRY	8	8.3%	8	6.7%	1	10.4	0	0.0
PHILLIPS	76	12.9%	89	15.7%	8	13.6	7	12.3
PIKE	12	10.1%	12	7.6%	1	8.4	0	0.0
POINSETT	38	9.6%	25	7.2%	8	20.7	2	5.7
POLK	14	5.4%	21	7.6%	3	11.5	4	14.5
POPE	37	5.1%	47	6.3%	6	8.3	6	8.1
PRAIRIE	6	4.3%	10	7.5%	1	7.2	3	22.4
PULASKI	448	7.1%	316	5.6%	64	10.1	53	9.4
RANDOLPH	13	6.5%	10	5.0%	3	14.9	2	10.0
ST. FRANCIS	75	13.8%	52	9.9%	5	9.2	5	9.5
SALINE	36	4.0%	45	4.8%	3	3.4	6	6.4
SCOTT	12	7.9%	14	9.2%	2	13.2	1	6.5
SEARCY	6	6.5%	12	12.1%	0	0.0	2	20.2
SEBASTIAN	89	5.5%	100	6.1%	9	5.6	12	7.3
SEVIER	10	5.0%	15	6.9%	1	5.0	2	9.3
SHARP	10	7.4%	12	7.0%	2	14.7	0	0.0
STONE	7	5.9%	15	13.3%	1	8.5	1	8.8
UNION	71	9.6%	75	11.3%	7	9.5	6	9.0
VAN BUREN	9	5.8%	6	3.4%	2	12.9	0	0.0
WASHINGTON	100	5.5%	111	5.0%	15	8.3	18	8.1
WHITE	54	6.8%	63	7.4%	2	2.5	7	8.2
WOODRUFF	22	15.3%	10	7.9%	1	6.9	1	7.9
YELL	20	7.7%	27	9.2%	0	0.0	0	0.0
State Totals	2,739	7.5%	2,686	7.4%	339	9.3	337	9.3

Health Indicators (1990 and Most Recent Year)

County	Child Death # and Rate				Immunization # and %			
	1990		1996		1990		1997	
ARKANSAS	2	43.6	1	23.7	250	99%	236	96%
ASHLEY	1	19.0	1	19.6	265	86%	395	98%
BAXTER	2	42.4	1	19.4	370	99%	381	99%
BENTON	5	26.2	4	16.8	1,408	98%	1,797	94%
BOONE	2	36.7	1	17.1	373	99%	458	98%
BRADLEY	1	42.6		0.0	199	99%	137	100%
CALHOUN	1	80.5	1	75.3	79	100%	66	100%
CARROLL	1	28.2	0	0.0	241	95%	285	98%
CHICOT	1	25.4	2	56.4	150	100%	267	99%
CLARK	2	53.5	0	0.0	91	100%	221	93%
CLAY	2	62.7	0	0.0	219	97%	240	97%
CLEBURNE	0	0.0	2	55.9	224	97%	288	97%
CLEVELAND	0	0.0	2	119.0	146	98%	125	87%
COLUMBIA	3	56.5	1	18.7	335	94%	323	99%
CONWAY	0	0.0	1	24.6	216	99%	408	99%
CRAIGHEAD	5	37.8	3	19.4	539	96%	1,144	99%
CRAWFORD	8	82.7	3	28.1	600	98%	843	98%
CRITTENDEN	10	79.6	6	50.1	655	92%	867	96%
CROSS	10	223.5	2	47.8	262	97%	309	99%
DALLAS	0	0.0	2	108.3	118	97%	116	87%
DESHA	2	47.7	3	83.1	328	96%	271	97%
DREW	4	106.6	1	26.2	57	93%	237	97%
FAULKNER	2	16.7	2	12.8	651	91%	1,094	98%
FRANKLIN	0	0.0	2	64.1	239	97%	287	97%
FULTON	2	110.8	1	53.2	109	100%	107	99%
GARLAND	4	32.7	4	30.7	658	96%	1,028	93%
GRANT	2	69.6	0	0.0	288	94%	326	95%
GREENE	1	16.1	3	44.7	398	96%	486	96%
HEMPSTEAD	1	21.3	3	63.8	353	99%	339	99%
HOT SPRING	0	0.0	2	37.0	423	99%	452	99%
HOWARD	3	101.9	1	35.5	216	99%	219	98%
INDEPENDENCE	1	15.7	1	15.6	419	96%	426	98%
IZARD	0	0.0	0	0.0	77	86%	127	89%
JACKSON	2	54.1	1	29.2	76	100%	219	90%
JEFFERSON	8	42.7	6	33.7	667	90%	1,080	88%
JOHNSON	0	0.0	2	51.8	280	99%	293	93%
LAFAYETTE	1	48.2	1	53.8	163	95%	148	99%
LAWRENCE	0	0.0	1	31.3	208	100%	270	96%
LEE	1	29.7	0	0.0	190	95%	162	100%
LINCOLN	2	81.0	0	0.0	150	93%	136	97%
LITTLE RIVER	0	0.0	0	0.0	157	100%	172	97%
LOGAN	2	47.4	0	0.0	269	100%	321	99%
LONOKE	0	0.0	3	28.8	629	98%	798	98%
MADISON	2	81.9	2	77.5	200	99%	151	98%
MARION	0	0.0	0	0.0	121	93%	173	97%
MILLER	4	46.7	4	48.4	611	97%	547	98%
MISSISSIPPI	5	35.3	4	34.2	908	92%	867	97%
MONROE	2	76.7	0	0.0	193	94%	158	100%
MONTGOMERY	0	0.0	0	0.0	83	97%	55	94%
NEVADA	0	0.0	1	48.7	145	87%	168	88%
NEWTON	2	118.6	0	0.0	116	100%	81	98%
OUACHITA	0	0.0	1	17.8	370	98%	412	98%
PERRY	0	0.0	0	0.0	106	98%	143	87%
PHILLIPS	4	51.9	3	43.6	430	94%	505	96%
PIKE	1	50.0	5	249.1	59	100%	130	96%
POINSETT	1	19.6	3	60.8	381	93%	444	99%
POLK	2	58.4	1	28.0	210	98%	282	97%
POPE	2	21.3	2	19.1	624	94%	870	98%
PRAIRIE	1	52.5	0	0.0	137	100%	133	98%
PULASKI	25	34.9	24	34.0	3,928	94%	3,602	92%
RANDOLPH	1	30.9	2	59.1	188	97%	78	86%
ST. FRANCIS	2	27.3	0	0.0	400	91%	464	96%
SALINE	3	22.1	3	19.0	737	98%	951	99%
SCOTT	0	0.0	0	0.0	141	100%	136	100%
SEARCY	0	0.0	2	142.6	87	100%	95	95%
SEBASTIAN	10	49.2	8	37.9	1,234	99%	1,467	98%
SEVIER	0	0.0	3	100.7	226	99%	242	98%
SHARP	2	85.7	2	81.7	220	100%	209	92%
STONE	1	53.8	1	53.6	100	98%	148	98%
UNION	3	29.9	8	83.5	630	95%	899	99%
VAN BUREN	1	41.0	1	40.4	160	90%	190	98%
WASHINGTON	8	36.2	12	44.8	1,561	98%	1,931	95%
WHITE	3	28.3	4	33.5	652	99%	914	99%
WOODRUFF	2	96.1	0	0.0	145	98%	126	99%
YELL	2	57.1	1	25.9	213	89%	318	96%
State Totals	183	37.8	167	33.3	29,061	96%	34,793	96%

Health Indicators *(1990 and Most Recent Year)*

County	Mental Health # and %			
	1991		1997	
ARKANSAS	247	4.1%	221	4.0%
ASHLEY	221	3.2%	107	1.6%
BAXTER	136	2.2%	234	3.5%
BENTON	560	2.3%	588	1.9%
BOONE	168	2.4%	296	3.9%
BRADLEY	155	5.1%	57	1.9%
CALHOUN	46	2.9%	21	1.3%
CARROLL	138	3.1%	120	2.3%
CHICOT	208	4.1%	75	1.6%
CLARK	109	2.3%	156	2.8%
CLAY	44	1.1%	38	0.9%
CLEBURNE	141	3.3%	160	3.4%
CLEVELAND	53	2.6%	53	2.4%
COLUMBIA	167	2.5%	195	2.8%
CONWAY	60	1.2%	124	2.4%
CRAIGHEAD	259	1.5%	275	1.4%
CRAWFORD	371	3.0%	140	1.0%
CRITTENDEN	287	1.8%	400	2.6%
CROSS	174	3.0%	223	4.1%
DALLAS	59	2.3%	34	1.4%
DESHA	233	4.4%	89	1.9%
DREW	296	6.1%	113	2.3%
FAULKNER	252	1.6%	388	1.9%
FRANKLIN	113	2.9%	52	1.3%
FULTON	51	2.2%	46	1.9%
GARLAND	497	3.1%	1,099	6.5%
GRANT	129	3.4%	123	3.0%
GREENE	146	1.8%	83	1.0%
HEMPSTEAD	228	3.8%	265	4.4%
HOT SPRING	162	2.4%	283	4.0%
HOWARD	120	3.2%	127	3.5%
INDEPENDENCE	257	3.1%	285	3.4%
IZARD	61	2.5%	100	3.7%
JACKSON	121	2.5%	67	1.5%
JEFFERSON	1,087	4.5%	1,017	4.4%
JOHNSON	59	1.3%	34	0.7%
LAFAYETTE	104	3.9%	115	4.7%
LAWRENCE	130	3.0%	78	1.9%
LEE	148	3.4%	157	3.9%
LINCOLN	150	4.7%	152	5.1%
LITTLE RIVER	125	3.2%	105	2.9%
LOGAN	181	3.2%	122	2.3%
LONOKE	303	2.6%	331	2.5%
MADISON	59	1.9%	50	1.5%
MARION	64	2.4%	133	4.7%
MILLER	353	3.2%	444	4.2%
MISSISSIPPI	252	1.4%	114	0.8%
MONROE	103	3.1%	106	3.7%
MONTGOMERY	44	2.4%	35	1.8%
NEVADA	48	1.7%	88	3.3%
NEWTON	27	1.3%	61	2.9%
OUACHITA	233	2.8%	194	2.7%
PERRY	42	2.1%	49	2.3%
PHILLIPS	407	4.1%	318	3.5%
PIKE	33	1.3%	68	2.6%
POINSETT	69	1.1%	71	1.1%
POLK	125	2.8%	56	1.2%
POPE	170	1.4%	11	0.1%
PRAIRIE	80	3.2%	122	5.2%
PULASKI	2,640	2.9%	2,022	2.2%
RANDOLPH	68	1.6%	90	2.1%
ST. FRANCIS	264	2.8%	651	7.5%
SALINE	524	3.0%	57	0.3%
SCOTT	67	2.6%	69	2.5%
SEARCY	48	2.5%	447	24.6%
SEBASTIAN	758	2.9%	156	0.6%
SEVIER	113	3.2%	88	2.3%
SHARP	83	2.7%	248	7.5%
STONE	48	2.0%	107	4.4%
UNION	403	3.1%	375	3.0%
VAN BUREN	93	3.0%	111	3.4%
WASHINGTON	657	2.3%	855	2.5%
WHITE	295	2.1%	326	2.1%
WOODRUFF	62	2.3%	67	2.7%
YELL	65	1.4%	1	0.0%
State Totals	16,853	2.7%	16,468	2.5%

Education Indicators *(Baseline Year and Most Recent Year)*

County	ABC		Head Start		Special Ed		$ Per Pupil Expenditures	
	1994/95	1996/97	1991/92	1996/97	1990/91	1996/97	1989/90	1995/96
ARKANSAS	92	105	44	69	383	390	2,450	3,419
ASHLEY	155	160	55	90	440	491	2,555	3,468
BAXTER	41	17	55	55	430	461	2,608	3,194
BENTON	213	140	181	260	1,320	2,130	2,443	3,250
BOONE	110	90	80	100	436	594	2,477	3,445
BRADLEY	53	91	60	78	155	203	2,470	3,308
CALHOUN	13	12	17	34	108	128	2,510	3,493
CARROLL	35	28	85	80	263	392	2,307	3,189
CHICOT	235	219	122	119	392	269	2,623	3,745
CLARK	42	66	112	112	370	414	2,622	3,412
CLAY	54	71	102	115	306	395	2,426	3,070
CLEBURNE	100	91	39	32	308	355	2,501	3,402
CLEVELAND	0	0	75	108	163	175	2,608	3,341
COLUMBIA	77	108	68	54	441	449	2,491	3,359
CONWAY	0	0	98	97	443	523	2,519	3,526
CRAIGHEAD	206	62	206	242	1,212	1,435	2,495	3,290
CRAWFORD	82	93	118	135	1,000	1,278	2,309	3,383
CRITTENDEN	355	337	146	213	1,148	1,199	2,435	3,359
CROSS	47	67	110	110	477	425	2,439	3,317
DALLAS	58	71	17	50	261	295	2,808	3,848
DESHA	245	241	60	138	379	420	2,463	3,694
DREW	81	82	57	55	324	344	2,592	3,299
FAULKNER	28	37	87	110	1,049	1,580	2,358	3,334
FRANKLIN	43	26	65	42	341	358	2,512	3,228
FULTON	0	20	35	54	183	192	2,602	3,439
GARLAND	123	137	173	225	1,004	1,394	2,759	3,445
GRANT	38	29	0	16	336	450	2,440	3,277
GREENE	138	142	71	75	641	786	2,497	3,552
HEMPSTEAD	101	130	47	70	315	393	2,452	3,234
HOT SPRING	0	25	135	148	496	658	2,357	3,445
HOWARD	47	39	32	36	317	284	2,401	3,341
INDEPENDENCE	117	133	72	92	797	791	2,844	3,860
IZARD	60	43	80	54	262	274	2,548	3,461
JACKSON	39	38	131	132	370	370	2,424	3,586
JEFFERSON	744	799	416	471	1,359	1,492	2,691	3,832
JOHNSON	18	10	87	98	302	376	2,425	3,191
LAFAYETTE	0	1	110	105	193	179	2,620	3,566
LAWRENCE	117	162	109	90	420	508	2,545	3,488
LEE	197	163	69	70	214	174	2,757	3,551
LINCOLN	133	82	34	66	242	255	2,417	3,412
LITTLE RIVER	66	76	52	40	267	214	2,587	3,822
LOGAN	49	89	53	66	367	424	2,450	3,135
LONOKE	133	245	34	102	920	1,168	2,240	3,188
MADISON	18	32	85	79	236	227	2,509	3,164
MARION	60	78	60	70	217	263	2,653	3,314
MILLER	0	75	68	97	728	724	2,655	3,759
MISSISSIPPI	253	169	358	678	1,418	1,407	2,655	3,619
MONROE	27	39	76	77	257	226	2,435	3,353
MONTGOMERY	46	28	20	20	112	154	2,697	3,442
NEVADA	111	74	39	73	214	230	2,595	3,560
NEWTON	92	66	36	53	165	207	2,779	3,887
OUACHITA	293	288	54	107	486	517	2,535	3,563
PERRY	30	21	33	30	201	296	2,720	3,788
PHILLIPS	288	325	274	298	662	705	2,550	3,356
PIKE	19	18	20	39	208	307	2,591	3,922
POINSETT	97	107	136	137	493	627	2,529	3,417
POLK	41	48	73	67	355	362	2,605	3,192
POPE	76	56	159	194	741	879	2,605	3,397
PRAIRIE	99	93	0	40	150	154	2,294	3,169
PULASKI	832	712	860	979	4,567	5,720	3,246	5,016
RANDOLPH	94	106	80	120	232	369	2,343	3,355
ST. FRANCIS	187	317	160	184	671	671	2,604	3,624
SALINE	30	0	112	114	912	1,191	2,307	3,282
SCOTT	31	24	36	47	179	139	2,715	3,234
SEARCY	55	55	79	70	160	144	2,804	3,537
SEBASTIAN	59	65	203	267	1,749	2,191	2,847	3,721
SEVIER	32	30	12	17	240	226	2,269	3,080
SHARP	48	40	47	70	366	365	2,565	3,334
STONE	20	7	20	18	204	215	2,595	3,330
UNION	93	89	120	151	996	952	2,622	3,464
VAN BUREN	0	0	60	68	231	266	2,678	3,553
WASHINGTON	173	143	283	316	1,951	2,478	2,630	3,488
WHITE	369	491	150	228	1,127	1,222	2,504	3,311
WOODRUFF	59	48	87	101	186	204	2,459	3,348
YELL	38	46	81	120	358	446	2,665	3,369
State Totals	8,135	8,267	7,680	9,437	41,926	49,169	2,637	3,620

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Education Indicators *(1989/90 and Most Recent Year)*

County	Seniors Taking ACT # and %				ACT Scores	
	1989/90		1995/96		1989/90	1995/96
ARKANSAS	172	54.4%	172	62.3%	19.4	19.9
ASHLEY	186	48.6%	191	59.3%	18.7	19.6
BAXTER	196	60.5%	231	72.2%	20.3	21.5
BENTON	545	53.7%	468	38.5%	20.6	32.5
BOONE	201	57.6%	213	57.7%	20.5	22.1
BRADLEY	94	55.0%	112	64.0%	19.2	18.9
CALHOUN	26	50.0%	37	57.8%	19.5	18.6
CARROLL	97	47.1%	140	67.0%	19.9	21.0
CHICOT	127	49.0%	101	53.4%	16.0	17.4
CLARK	138	61.6%	124	63.9%	20.5	19.6
CLAY	111	53.6%	107	53.8%	19.9	19.7
CLEBURNE	139	67.5%	137	66.8%	20.8	20.9
CLEVELAND	68	60.2%	69	70.4%	19.3	19.7
COLUMBIA	158	48.5%	183	59.4%	19.2	19.8
CONWAY	145	64.2%	114	50.0%	20.1	19.9
CRAIGHEAD	444	56.2%	548	71.1%	21.1	21.3
CRAWFORD	223	45.1%	366	59.1%	20.5	20.9
CRITTENDEN	323	51.4%	299	55.4%	18.5	18.6
CROSS	149	49.5%	153	59.3%	19.0	19.6
DALLAS	77	52.0%	65	57.5%	18.8	18.2
DESHA	145	51.2%	163	62.2%	18.5	18.5
DREW	121	62.7%	139	62.1%	19.9	20.1
FAULKNER	427	62.2%	575	67.9%	20.3	21.3
FRANKLIN	146	55.5%	127	57.7%	19.4	21.1
FULTON	85	62.0%	85	65.9%	19.9	21.0
GARLAND	449	57.4%	462	63.4%	20.6	21.2
GRANT	155	50.8%	163	56.2%	19.2	20.1
GREENE	184	49.6%	192	47.5%	20.7	19.7
HEMPSTEAD	132	46.8%	175	55.9%	18.7	18.5
HOT SPRING	185	49.7%	221	62.3%	19.8	20.1
HOWARD	118	60.2%	136	68.0%	19.0	19.1
INDEPENDENCE	217	58.5%	242	64.0%	20.5	21.5
IZARD	71	55.9%	92	69.7%	20.2	19.8
JACKSON	125	56.6%	126	68.1%	20.2	20.5
JEFFERSON	599	54.1%	571	57.4%	19.1	19.0
JOHNSON	95	51.6%	109	49.5%	20.8	20.9
LAFAYETTE	64	56.1%	55	46.2%	19.1	17.5
LAWRENCE	100	44.4%	93	54.7%	19.9	19.8
LEE	111	57.2%	57	51.8%	16.3	16.1
LINCOLN	70	47.3%	92	60.1%	18.7	18.1
LITTLE RIVER	109	52.2%	92	58.2%	19.1	18.4
LOGAN	147	56.5%	150	64.7%	20.0	20.6
LONOKE	303	58.5%	396	69.0%	20.7	21.0
MADISON	56	43.4%	77	47.2%	21.0	20.5
MARION	68	49.6%	83	63.8%	20.4	19.9
MILLER	215	40.2%	238	51.6%	19.1	19.6
MISSISSIPPI	322	45.8%	277	47.0%	19.1	18.8
MONROE	73	45.1%	82	50.0%	17.4	18.0
MONTGOMERY	44	53.0%	61	61.0%	19.4	21.3
NEVADA	84	50.9%	88	57.5%	19.3	18.8
NEWTON	47	51.1%	54	56.8%	19.6	20.8
OUACHITA	232	54.5%	245	58.3%	18.9	19.2
PERRY	55	45.8%	65	57.5%	19.5	20.2
PHILLIPS	177	41.8%	153	47.4%	17.2	17.0
PIKE	76	56.7%	97	72.9%	19.0	19.7
POINSETT	134	43.6%	177	55.1%	18.8	19.8
POLK	118	57.6%	124	52.5%	20.3	21.0
POPE	347	64.0%	366	66.3%	20.9	21.8
PRAIRIE	80	66.7%	68	66.7%	18.3	20.3
PULASKI	2,112	56.9%	1,921	59.7%	20.0	19.8
RANDOLPH	82	45.6%	124	58.8%	20.4	21.3
ST. FRANCIS	193	47.5%	212	52.6%	18.3	17.7
SALINE	392	54.4%	461	66.5%	20.2	20.8
SCOTT	51	46.4%	44	51.8%	19.6	19.6
SEARCY	58	63.0%	65	81.3%	19.8	20.9
SEBASTIAN	617	53.4%	744	63.8%	20.8	21.4
SEVIER	90	60.4%	112	62.9%	19.0	20.9
SHARP	104	48.4%	89	47.3%	19.2	20.9
STONE	60	65.9%	63	64.3%	19.9	21.7
UNION	260	45.9%	356	62.0%	19.1	19.6
VAN BUREN	101	62.7%	84	53.8%	19.3	20.5
WASHINGTON	693	56.6%	787	55.5%	21.0	21.8
WHITE	384	58.1%	440	61.5%	20.5	20.3
WOODRUFF	70	47.0%	74	66.5%	18.6	19.5
YELL	124	50.8%	115	53.0%	18.6	20.0
State Totals	15,206	53.9%	32,717	59.5%	19.8	20.3

Education Indicators *(1989/90 and Most Recent Year)*

County	Dropout # and Rate				Tech Prep # and %			
	1989/90		1996/96		1992/93		1996/97	
ARKANSAS	53	2.6	72	3.5	29	1.7%	324	19.9%
ASHLEY	144	6.4	65	2.9	3	0.2%	776	42.0%
BAXTER	83	4.0	75	3.2	70	4.0%	184	9.4%
BENTON	183	2.7	236	2.6	110	1.8%	1,676	20.8%
BOONE	51	2.2	54	2.0	68	3.3%	586	27.1%
BRADLEY	32	2.8	21	1.9	49	5.2%	133	14.7%
CALHOUN	2	0.5	5	1.2	0	0.0%	61	17.6%
CARROLL	52	3.8	29	1.7	13	1.1%	125	8.7%
CHICOT	91	5.6	44	3.0	89	7.2%	474	38.4%
CLARK	20	1.3	25	1.7	69	5.5%	158	13.0%
CLAY	61	4.3	34	2.4	29	2.5%	244	21.3%
CLEBURNE	36	2.6	37	2.3	0	0.0%	248	18.6%
CLEVELAND	10	1.5	20	2.8	1	0.2%	75	12.2%
COLUMBIA	50	2.3	42	1.8	160	9.0%	256	13.9%
CONWAY	31	2.1	40	2.4	7	0.6%	297	21.4%
CRAIGHEAD	165	3.2	113	2.0	196	4.4%	1,188	24.5%
CRAWFORD	171	4.5	86	2.0	376	10.7%	861	23.7%
CRITTENDEN	326	7.1	249	5.4	792	21.5%	1,155	31.5%
CROSS	56	2.7	65	3.4	1	0.1%	310	20.1%
DALLAS	33	3.6	29	3.4	12	1.8%	128	18.4%
DESHA	29	1.5	41	2.2	17	1.1%	381	25.1%
DREW	42	3.0	62	4.0	413	33.3%	232	17.6%
FAULKNER	91	2.0	91	1.6	328	7.9%	1,535	30.8%
FRANKLIN	39	2.5	29	1.8	120	10.0%	98	7.2%
FULTON	21	2.9	15	1.9	13	2.1%	141	21.3%
GARLAND	182	3.5	209	3.6	262	6.1%	846	18.3%
GRANT	64	3.5	21	1.1	1	0.1%	155	9.5%
GREENE	85	3.2	80	2.8	10	0.4%	305	13.0%
HEMPSTEAD	56	3.1	15	0.8	33	2.1%	524	32.9%
HOT SPRING	73	3.0	111	4.2	151	7.2%	465	21.6%
HOWARD	39	2.9	9	0.6	10	0.9%	291	25.0%
INDEPENDENCE	103	4.0	72	2.6	118	5.5%	678	29.4%
IZARD	10	1.2	11	1.2	33	4.9%	196	25.5%
JACKSON	47	3.1	38	2.6	135	11.2%	247	22.4%
JEFFERSON	359	4.9	358	4.8	262	4.5%	191	3.1%
JOHNSON	70	4.8	36	2.1	293	23.7%	342	23.4%
LAFAYETTE	16	1.9	27	3.4	58	8.5%	213	31.6%
LAWRENCE	53	3.6	38	2.4	85	6.9%	316	24.1%
LEE	39	2.9	51	5.2	0	0.0%	113	14.8%
LINCOLN	18	1.9	121	11.4	0	0.0%	356	40.2%
LITTLE RIVER	48	3.5	6	0.5	1	0.1%	246	26.7%
LOGAN	63	4.1	94	5.6	6	0.5%	431	30.7%
LONOKE	196	5.3	88	2.0	80	2.5%	393	10.5%
MADISON	39	4.0	56	4.6	17	2.0%	163	16.5%
MARION	23	2.6	28	2.6	6	0.8%	163	18.1%
MILLER	168	5.0	134	3.9	90	3.3%	590	21.6%
MISSISSIPPI	315	6.1	309	6.5	24	0.6%	1,156	29.3%
MONROE	20	1.9	29	2.7	0	0.0%	192	22.0%
MONTGOMERY	17	2.8	14	2.2	4	0.8%	87	15.3%
NEVADA	30	3.1	7	0.7	21	2.6%	159	20.2%
NEWTON	14	2.2	11	1.6	243	44.1%	318	52.1%
OUACHITA	52	1.9	73	2.6	73	3.3%	599	26.0%
PERRY	17	2.4	8	0.9	2	0.3%	138	19.5%
PHILLIPS	133	4.3	107	3.7	19	0.8%	737	31.3%
PIKE	33	3.8	27	2.7	180	25.7%	214	25.6%
POINSETT	102	4.9	73	3.2	111	6.4%	392	20.2%
POLK	63	4.4	42	2.4	4	0.3%	553	38.1%
POPE	138	3.8	128	3.0	381	12.1%	694	19.6%
PRAIRIE	23	2.8	12	1.6	2	0.3%	141	23.3%
PULASKI	1,478	5.8	1,101	4.6	746	3.7%	2,604	13.3%
RANDOLPH	40	3.1	20	1.5	59	5.3%	240	21.7%
ST. FRANCIS	102	3.2	175	5.8	14	0.5%	832	34.3%
SALINE	181	3.8	185	3.4	335	8.4%	442	9.9%
SCOTT	17	2.4	15	2.1	0	0.0%	63	10.5%
SEARCY	16	2.5	11	1.6	32	6.1%	117	20.5%
SEBASTIAN	298	3.8	328	3.9	88	1.3%	1,012	14.2%
SEVIER	47	4.8	41	3.1	134	15.2%	273	25.1%
SHARP	34	2.5	38	2.7	16	1.4%	348	29.2%
STONE	33	5.2	32	3.6	75	11.9%	144	20.7%
UNION	151	3.7	83	2.0	46	1.4%	442	12.6%
VAN BUREN	40	3.8	13	1.2	87	10.0%	243	26.1%
WASHINGTON	387	4.6	180	1.7	79	1.1%	1,594	18.0%
WHITE	196	4.4	102	2.0	230	6.1%	971	22.8%
WOODRUFF	61	6.8	30	3.7	117	17.2%	190	29.6%
YELL	62	4.0	39	2.4	75	5.9%	184	13.3%
State Totals	7,723	4.0	6,413	3.1	7,813	4.9%	33,849	20.0%

APPENDIX

Definitions and Sources

Demographic Profile

TOTAL POPULATION: The total number of people residing in a specific area as enumerated by the decennial census on April 1 or estimates during the intervening years (only available at state, county, and city levels). A geographic area may be a city, township, county, state, nation, census tract, block group, or block.

POPULATION UNDER 18: The total number of people between the ages of one day and eighteen years as of April 1 of the census year and estimates during the intervening years.

MINORITY POPULATION UNDER 18: The number of people between the ages of one day and eighteen years as of April 1 of the census year who are black; Asian of Pacific Islander; American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleutian; or any other unspecified race (not Hispanic, since Hispanics may be of any race) and estimates during the intervening years.

The 1990 population counts used in the Children's Data Book do not match those published in the 1990 Census of Population and Housing reports and tape files. The population has been "modified" by age, race, sex, and Hispanic origin to meet the needs of many data users, especially those involved in population estimate and projection work.

A review of the detailed information indicated that respondents tended to provide their age as of the date of completion of the questionnaire, not their age as of April 1, 1990. In addition, there may have been a tendency for respondents to round up their ages if they were close to having birthdays. It is likely that approximately ten percent of persons in most age groups are actually one year younger. For most single years of age, the misstatements are largely offsetting. The problem is most pronounced at age zero because persons lost to age one may not have been fully offset by the inclusion of babies born after April 1, 1990, and because there may have been more rounding up to age one to avoid reporting age as 'zero years.' Age in completed months was not collected for infants under age one. Therefore, the age data from the 1990 census were adjusted to correspond with the April 1, 1990 census date.

In addition, 9.8 million respondents nationwide reported their race as 'Other' on the census questionnaire and were not included in one of the fifteen racial categories listed on the form. In order to serve the needs of the user community, it was necessary to assign each of these persons to a specified race, and thus the race statistics were modified to be consistent with the classification used in data sets other than census.

Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1990 Census of Population and Housing: Modified Age/Race, Sex, and Hispanic Origin (MARS) State and County File and Institute for Economic Advancement, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 1996 Estimates of Population File.

FAMILY: A family consists of a householder and one or more other persons living in the same household who are related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption.

MARRIED COUPLE FAMILY: A family in which the householder and spouse are enumerated as members of the same household.

SINGLE MOTHER OR SINGLE FATHER FAMILIES: Families in which no spouse is present.

Any of these families may contain children less than eighteen years to whom the householder and/or spouse are related by birth or adoption. The number of children in each of the three categories divided by the total number of children determines the percent that are children in each type of family. These three categories may not sum to 100 percent because not all children are in families.

Definitions and Sources

Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1990 Census of Population and Housing, Summary Tape File 3-A, Arkansas, Profile 17, Table P117/118.

PERCENT CHILDREN IN POVERTY: "Poverty Status" in the 1990 Census is determined from income data. Poverty thresholds are arranged in a two-dimensional matrix based on family size and number of children in the family. The total income of the family was tested against the appropriate threshold to determine the poverty status of the family. If the family income was less than the corresponding cutoff, the family was classified as "below the poverty level." The number of children below poverty was the sum of all children in families below the poverty level. The percent of children in poverty was the sum of children below the poverty level divided by the total number of all children in families. Several federal agencies joined together to develop the 1993 estimates of poverty which were first released in March 1997 and then revised and re-released in January 1998. The new series included estimates of total persons in poverty, the number of children age 0-17 in poverty, the number of children age 5-17 in poverty, and median household income. The figures reflect new population estimates, the results of new research by the Census Bureau and suggestions by the National Academy of Sciences. These estimates at the county level were obtained by combining results from the Census Bureau's March 1994 Current Population Survey with aggregate data from federal individual income tax records, food stamp program participation statistics, 1994 population estimates and 1990 census figures. The estimates work was supported by the Census Bureau and the U.S. departments of Housing and Urban Development, Agriculture, Labor, Education and Health, and Human Services.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1990 Census of Population and Housing, Summary Tape File 3-A, Arkansas, Profile 17, Table P117/118 and www.census.gov, State and County Income and Poverty Estimates 1993, revised poverty estimates, January 15, 1998.

Safety and Security

JUVENILE VIOLENT CRIME ARRESTS and RATE PER 1,000 TEENS, AGES 15-17: The number of juvenile arrests (all ages under 18) for violent crimes (murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) and broken out as per 1,000 children ages 15-17. The 1990 MARS population file was used in calculating the 1990 rates. The appropriate population estimates file was used in calculating the rates for 1996.

Sources: (Juvenile Arrests) Arkansas Crime Information Center, and (Population) U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1990 Census of Population and Housing: Modified Age/Race, Sex, and Hispanic Origin (MARS) State and County File, and Institute for Economic Advancement, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 1996 Population Estimates File.

JUVENILE PROPERTY CRIME ARRESTS and RATE PER 1,000 TEENS, AGES 15-17: The number of juvenile arrests (all ages under 18) for property crimes (burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson) and broken out per 1,000 children ages 15-17. The 1990 MARS population file was used in calculating the 1990 rates. The appropriate population estimates file was used in calculating the rates for 1996.

Sources: (Juvenile Arrests) Arkansas Crime Information Center, and (Population) U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1990 Census of Population and Housing: Modified Age/Race, Sex, and Hispanic Origin (MARS) State and County File, and Institute for Economic Advancement, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 1996 Population Estimates File.

Definitions and Sources

JUVENILE ALCOHOL/DRUG ARRESTS and RATE PER 1,000 TEENS, AGES 15-17: The number of juvenile arrests (all ages under 18) for alcohol and drug related arrests and broken out per 1,000 children ages 15-17. The 1990 MARS population file was used in calculating the 1990 rates. The appropriate population estimates file was used in calculating the rates for 1996.

Sources: (Juvenile Arrests) Arkansas Crime Information Center, and (Population) U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1990 Census of Population and Housing: Modified Age/Race, Sex, and Hispanic Origin (MARS) State and County File, and Institute for Economic Advancement, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 1996 Population Estimates File.

TEEN VIOLENT DEATHS and RATE PER 1,000 TEENS, AGES 15-17: The number of deaths from homicide, suicide, and accidents to teens (ages 15-17) and broken out as per 1,000 teens ages 15-17. The Center for Health Statistics at the Arkansas Department of Health used the 1996 population estimates to calculate infant, child, and teen death rates.

Source: Arkansas Department of Health, Bureau of Health Resources, Center for Health Statistics.

CHILD MALTREATMENT NUMBERS and RATE PER 1,000 CHILDREN, AGES 0-17: The number and rate of children for whom an allegation of maltreatment has been founded per 1,000 children. The 1990 MARS population file was used in calculating the 1990 rates. The 1996 population estimates file was used to calculate the 1996 rates.

Sources: (Victims) Arkansas Department of Human Services, Report CA-4101, State Fiscal Year 1991 and 1996, and (Population) U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1990 Census of Population and Housing: Modified Age/Race, Sex, and Hispanic Origin (MARS) State and County File, and Institute for Economic Advancement, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 1996 Population Estimates File.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE and RATE PER 1,000 CHILDREN, AGES 0-17: The number of children receiving foster care services and the rate per 1,000 children, ages 0-17. Foster care services are substitute services provided when it has been determined that a child has been abused, neglected, or exploited, and cannot safely remain in the home of parents/caregivers. Substitute care provides selective placement in a foster home, group home, or residential facility for a planned period of time for a child who has been separated from his birth or legal parents. The appropriate population estimates file is used in calculating the rates.

Sources: Division of Children and Family Services, Arkansas Department of Human Services and Institute for Economic Advancement, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 1994 and 1996 Population Estimates Files.

Socioeconomic

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME: This income measure is the total personal income of the residents of a given area divided by the resident population of the area. Per capita income is often used as an indicator of the quality of consumer markets and of the economic well being of the residents of an area.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: Unemployment is the number of unemployed divided by the Civilian Labor Force.

Source: Arkansas Employment Security Department, Labor Market Information Section, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Definitions and Sources

NUMBER OF CHILDREN RECEIVING AFDC: Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) is a program designed to meet the basic needs of children under age 18 who are deprived of the care or support of one or both parents through monthly cash assistance. To be eligible, a family's net spendable monthly income must be within certain income units that depend on the family size. This "Number of Children Receiving AFDC" includes those living in households in which the parent or guardian is unemployed or employed.

Source: Arkansas Department of Human Services, Report RS-4119 (Category 20 only), Fiscal Years 1991 and 1997.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN RECEIVING FOOD STAMPS: The Food Stamp program is designed to provide nutrition to low income individuals and households in the form of coupons. The amount of coupons allotted is based on the household size, resources, and income.

Source: Arkansas Department of Human Services, Report RS-0869, State Fiscal Years 1991 and 1997. (County totals may not add to state totals due to rounding.)

NUMBER and PERCENT ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH: Students eligible for free or reduced price lunches in the public schools, grades K-12, have been determined to meet income and family size guidelines established for the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program, administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Eligibility is primarily determined from applications submitted to the school by the student's family. A new program allows the Department of Education and the Department of Human Services to directly certify students for free meals by electronically matching social security numbers of students with eligibility determinations for food stamps or AFDC. Each school district reports numbers of students eligible on October 1st each year. The percent eligible is this number as a percent of the school district's enrollment.

Source: Arkansas Department of Education, Child Nutrition Section, Paradox DataBase.

NUMBER and PERCENT OF BIRTHS TO WOMEN WITH LESS THAN 12 YEARS EDUCATION: The number and percent of all births where the woman (all ages) has received less than 12 years of formal education.

Source: Arkansas Department of Health, Bureau of Health Resources, Center for Health Statistics.

MONTHLY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN WIC: The Arkansas WIC program (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children) is designed to improve nutrition during periods of critical growth. The program provides food-specific vouchers as well as nutrition education and referral. Pregnant, breast-feeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children under age five are all eligible for WIC if they 1) live in Arkansas; 2) meet income guidelines (set at 185 percent of poverty); and 3) are nutritionally eligible. WIC is funded by USDA, Food and Nutrition Services and administered by the Arkansas Department of Health. The Arkansas WIC Program serves eligible applicants without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. The monthly average number of persons participating in WIC is based on the total of the 12 monthly totals divided by 12.

Source: Arkansas Department of Health, Bureau of Public Health Programs, Women, Infant and Children.

NUMBER and PERCENT PERSONS CERTIFIED FOR WIC AT OR BELOW POVERTY: The number and percent of total WIC certifications certified at or below poverty according to guidelines published each year by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Source: Arkansas Department of Health, Bureau of Public Health Programs, Women, Infants and Children.

Definitions and Sources

MONTHLY AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILD SUPPORT CASES (SFY): The monthly average of the number of child support cases during the fiscal year.

Source: Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement DataBase.

NUMBER and PERCENT CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS COLLECTED (SFY): The monthly average amount of obligations collected and the percent of child support cases that were under obligation to pay support and for which support was paid during the fiscal year.

Source: Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement DataBase.

Health

NUMBER and PERCENT LOW BIRTHWEIGHT: The percent of all births in which the infant weighed less than 2,500 grams or 5.5 pounds.

Source: Arkansas Department of Health, Bureau of Health Resources, Center for Health Statistics.

NUMBER and PERCENT WOMEN RECEIVING NO PRENATAL CARE IN 1ST TRIMESTER: The number and percent of all births in which the mother did not begin prenatal care during the first three months of pregnancy.

Source: Arkansas Department of Health, Bureau of Health Resources, Center for Health Statistics.

NUMBER and PERCENT OF TOTAL BIRTHS TO TEENS, AGES 10-17: The number and percent of all births in which the woman was less than 18 years of age.

Source: Arkansas Department of Health, Bureau of Health Resources, Center for Health Statistics.

INFANT MORTALITY, NUMBER and RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS: The number of deaths of infants under one year of age and rate per 1,000 live births.

Source: Arkansas Department of Health, Bureau of Health Resources, Center for Health Statistics.

CHILD DEATHS and RATE PER 100,000 CHILDREN, AGES 1-14: The number of deaths from all causes to children ages 1-14 and rate per 100,000 children.

Source: Arkansas Department of Health, Bureau of Health Resources, Center for Health Statistics.

NUMBER and PERCENT ADEQUATELY IMMUNIZED FOR KINDERGARTEN/FIRST GRADE: The number and percent of children entering kindergarten and first grade who have received all age appropriate immunizations. Age appropriate immunizations for this age consists of five doses of diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DPT); four doses polio vaccine; one dose measles, mumps, rubella (MMR); three to four doses Haemophilus influenza type B (HIB); and three doses Hepatitis B. Tracking of age appropriate immunizations began with the 1990-1991 school year.

Source: Arkansas Department of Health, Bureau of Public Health Programs, Preventative Health Services, Immunizations/Communicable Diseases.

Definitions and Sources

NUMBER and PERCENT OF CHILDREN, AGES 0-17, RECEIVING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: The number and percent of children, ages 0-17, receiving mental health services.

Source: Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health Services.

Education

NUMBER ENROLLED IN ABC PROGRAM: The Arkansas Better Chance (ABC) program is intended to serve educationally deprived children, ages 3-5.

Source: Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education, 1994-95 and 1996-97 Fall ABC Program DataBase and 1996-97 Summer Enrichment Program Data Base.

NUMBER OF HEAD START SLOTS: Each Head Start program is funded to provide services to a designated number of children. This quota is established by the regional office, Administration for Children, Youth, and Families. Due to the turnover of children receiving services, additional individual children will be enrolled. This is the actual enrollment.

Source: Arkansas Head Start Association.

NUMBER ENROLLED IN SPECIAL EDUCATION (K-12): The number of students counted under the P.L. 94-142 grant within the school districts. Students in special education placements are those who have been identified as disabled according to criteria set forth in state and federal regulations, and who are receiving special education and related services in one or more of the following ways: Itinerant Instruction, Indirect Services, Resource Services, Integrated Classroom, Special Class Services, Special Day School (Public), Special Day School (Private), and/or School-based Day Treatment Services. In addition, some students receive their special education and related services in a state-operated residential school or private facility and, in some situations, students are provided services in the home.

Source: Arkansas Department of Education, Special Education.

PER PUPIL EXPENDITURES: Current expenditures per child in Average Daily Attendance (ADA) for grades K-12. This does not include Employer Matching Teacher Retirement, Elementary Textbooks, or Federal Grants Funds Expenditures.

Source: Arkansas Department of Education, Statistical Summary for the Public Schools of Arkansas 1989-1991, p3; reported by the Arkansas Department of Education for 1996.

NUMBER and PERCENT OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS TAKING ACT EXAM: The number and percent of high school seniors taking the ACT exam. The percent of seniors taking the exam are obtained by dividing the number of seniors taking the exam by the total number of seniors enrolled.

Source: Arkansas Department of Education, Student Assessment.

AVERAGE ACT SCORES: Average ACT scores are obtained by adding the standard scores for a county (and for the state) and dividing the sum by the number of students taking the exam in a county (and the state).

Source: Arkansas Department of Education, Student Assessment.

HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUTS, NUMBER and RATE: The number of students dropping out in grades 7-12 from October 31st of one school year (previous year) through October 31st of the next school year (current year) divided by the number of students enrolled in grades 7-12 as of October 1st of the current year. A dropout is an

individual who has not graduated from high school or completed a state- or district-approved educational program; and does not meet any of the following exclusionary conditions: a) transfer to another public school district, private school district, or state- or district-approved education program, b) temporary absence due to suspension or school-approved illness, or c) death.

Source: Arkansas Department of Education, November Dropout Report.

NUMBER and PERCENT ENROLLED IN TECH PREP (GRADES 8-12): The number and percent of students in grades 8-12 who have declared a Tech Prep program of study. A "program of study" is a sequence of applied courses that leads to a major in an occupational area. Beginning in 1996-1997, all students will graduate in one of two tracks, college prep or tech prep.

Source: Arkansas Department of Education, Vocational and Technical Education Division.

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